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Fire Destroys Pine Street Home

Parents (and Dog)
Saved by Son's Quick
Action

When Tony Matthews got the call at work in Bernsteins on Highland Street in Haliburton from his Mum June telling him to get home fast, "I can smell smoke, but I don't know where it's coming from," Tony didn't wait one single second.

Which is probably why his Mum and Dad Phil are alive today. When Tony arrived at his parents' home at 118 Pine Street he could see smoke in the house: he immediately got his mother out, and went back in for his Dad. "The smoke detectors were going off and I could see flames by the front door. Dad was getting the dog out of his cage. As I got them out the door, the ceiling was suddenly engulfed - my Dad ducked, but a piece of the ceiling caught him on the head. As soon as we got out the house went up - we made it by a second, no more."

Shortly afterwards, with the house entirely engulfed in flames, the Dysart Fire Department arrived in force: wires were burning and twisting on the front lawn of the house, and Deputy Fire Chief Don Stephenson quickly cleared the area of people and cars.

By chance, Harburn Road resident Robert Heeps was passing by as the Matthews were rushing out of the house. Heeps was a Toronto Fire Department Platoon Chief for many years and retired to Haliburton in the summer. He was able to give Phil Matthews some much needed First Aid.

The Dysart Firefighters were soon joined by crews from Minden and after some five hours of the blaze was finally subdued. Fire crews were worried that the blaze would spread to adjoining houses, but they managed to prevent this. Dysart Fire Chief Miles Maughan said a total of 38 Firefighters answered the call: the cause of the fire was careless disposal of ashes. The Matthews had recently purchased a wood stove to supplement their oil heating system. ■

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Wounded Warriors Receive Helping Hand From Highlands

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Stamp Connection Stretches to Calgary

They are the forgotten warriors. They come home to families worldwide, in manifold uniforms.

They come home broken. They are the lasting reminders of man's lingering conflicts on extant and devolving corridors of war. They represent the battle inside the battle. They are the 'walking wounded.' The lucky ones will walk again. Some may have to learn to accept life in a wheelchair. Some are dealing with years of reconstructive surgery. Some are suffering from the memories of a singular horror. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder is the burgeoning reality of war today. Like the ubiquitous Improvised Explosive Device (IED) they represent the new battleground. Extant, yet misplaced by circumstance.

Their rehab is painstaking, relentless and devoid of any of the pomp and circumstance generally accorded the returning war hero. In some cases their families suffer with them. Growing sons and daughters of the wounded warriors dealing with the real horrors of a war a world away. Dealing with a parent's nightmare. Dealing ultimately with verdicts made by men and women in suits. Men and women elected to make these life-altering decisions. To send young men and women to war.

In Canada, the wounded warriors are the relentless and emergent legacy of our commitment in Afghanistan.

They are - along with the many civilians involved - the real casualties of war. And we're told, as caskets roll, that they are the lucky ones. But not that lucky. Never that lucky.

In Haliburton, a local family has taken on the cause of the wounded warrior. They fight their battle with a check-book and an open heart. Kim and Derrell Stamp have been sending packages to Afghanistan for several years now.

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Haliburton Winter Carnival Takes on New Meaning

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Relief for February's winter blues will be a sure thing as Haliburton's winter carnival planning gets infused with new energy and ideas. This year the face of the winter carnival will change dramatically and residents of all ages will be treated to a new three day event on February 13, 14 & 15th, officially dubbed the Haliburton's Frost Festival...a fun filled family weekend.

Reeve Murray Fearrey told the Dysart Council on Monday that the events committee had met with Tanya McCready of Winterdance Dogsled Tours, and McCready had a suggestion that kicked off some very excited discussion.

The idea came to McCready when changes were made to the 2009 dogsled race circuit and the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby was moved to the Valentine's Day weekend. McCready proposed combining the derby with the winter carnival on the long Family Day weekend.

Fearrey said there was a terrific amount of support for the idea and the committee will be working on a schedule of events. He said, "They'll likely need some start up money to get things off the ground." Fearrey suggested a donation of \$3,000 supporting the idea given the anticipated and immediate economic spinoff from the event.

Councillor Andrea Roberts, who is part of the organizing committee said, "I've taken the proposal to the BIA and Rotary Club and they are definitely on board."

Roberts, speaking to the suggestion of funding, said, "It goes back to the need for advertising dollars." Fearrey agreed that the committee want to start advertising now to promote the activities and work towards making the Town and surrounding areas part of the event. Council supported the resolution to donate up to a maximum of \$3,000.

According to Adam Brind, one of the event's organizers, the



Photo by:
Lyn Winans

Committee met again Tuesday morning and have worked up a preliminary schedule of events. "The

list of events and ongoing updates of what's coming in February should be available for viewing later this week at www.frostfest.ca," said Brind, who is setting up the website just for the festival.

The feature event will be the 8th Annual Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby which is scheduled to start at Head Lake and end at the Delta Pinestone Resort. A torch light parade, ice slides, snowmobile scavenger hunt, ice sculpture demonstration, snowshoe races, pancake breakfast, public skating on Head Lake, a dance, horse drawn

sleigh rides, an outdoor theatrical presentation and a giant bonfire will also be feature activities for everyone to enjoy. Even the list takes your breath away.

Bob Smith and Amy Brohm from the County's Economic Development and Tourism office are offering their help (and toll free phone number) to help coordinate communications. Local businesses and organizations are encouraged to call Amy at 1-800-461-7677. In the meantime, Smith and Brohm have offered to spread the word about the festival at the upcoming Cottage Life Show in Toronto.

After their meeting on Tuesday, Roberts said, "I'm very excited to see something like this happen in Haliburton." Roberts recalled Winterfest when she first came to Haliburton. She said it was a great weekend for everyone and it was sad to see it lose momentum. Roberts said that by combining the new festival with the Family Day long weekend, it should be a terrific weekend for everyone.

"I realize it will be a lot of work as no one group is organizing the event, but with the Municipality taking the lead and local businesses & organizations getting on board, I'm sure we can pull together a substantial winter carnival."

Roberts said that the committee has branched out into two groups, one focusing on event planning and the other taking on the responsibility of promotion. Any organization that is interested in participating can contact either the Municipal Office or Tourism office for details. The next committee meeting will be held on November 18th. ■

Santa Parade Floats Be Part of the Parade!!

Why not be a part of the Santa Clause parade rather than just a spectator? Well, you still have a chance to sign-up to be a participant in one of two parades. You could even be in both!

The Village of Haliburton will be lit up with sparkling lights, floats, marchers, horses and bands on Friday, Nov. 21 during the third annual night-time Santa Clause Parade.

Since this parade will run be in the evening, you might want to bring out flashlights, glow-sticks or some other form of lighting to help brighten things up. The more lights the merrier!

The town of Minden will get into the festive spirit on Saturday, Nov. 29 with their annual parade that will feature a meet and greet/photos with Santa, hot chocolate and Christmas tattoos for the kids.

Those eager to become actively involved in the festivities can bring a float and come with an organization, club, family member or even their pet(s). This year's theme for the Minden Parade is "A Magical Christmas".

The Haliburton Santa Clause Parade will start at the Haliburton United Church parking lot and will proceed down Pine St. to Highland St. before finally dispersing at York St.

Minden's Parade will head out from the public parking lot, Newcastle Street to Bobcaygeon Rd., north on Bobcaygeon to Parkside and right to the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena.

To find out how you can be in the Haliburton Santa Clause Parade contact Jim Frost at 705 457-4031. For the Minden Parade call Rick Cox at 705 286-1260 or email reox@mindhills.ca.

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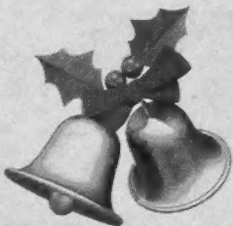
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▲ 9° ▼ 3°

SUNDAY



Chilly with a chance of rain and snow showers
▲ 6° ▼ -2°

MONDAY



Mostly cloudy with flurries possible
▲ 4° ▼ -4°

TUESDAY



Mostly cloudy and cool
▲ 6° ▼ -2°

WEDNESDAY



Cloudy with a chance of showers
▲ 9° ▼ -1°

AROUND THE REGION: Pleasant weather will be experienced on Thursday as skies will be mostly sunny. Highs will be in the mid-teens. The next storm system will produce a chance of a few showers on Friday afternoon. Highs will be in the low teens. Rain showers will be likely on Saturday and rain and snow showers on Sunday. Highs will be in the single digits.

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Nov. 1, 2008
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07 10 13 14 23 39 41
Bonus Number 16
Encore 3879796
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City	Today Hi/Low/Oct	Friday Hi/Low/Oct	Saturday Hi/Low/Oct	Sunday Hi/Low/Oct	Monday Hi/Low/Oct	Tuesday Hi/Low/Oct	Wednesday Hi/Low/Oct
Bancroft	14/6/su	12/5/cl	9/3/sh	6/2/mx	4/4/cl	6/3/pc	9/2/sh
Barrie	16/7/su	13/6/cl	9/4/sh	6/2/mx	4/3/cl	6/2/cl	9/1/sh
Dorset	14/6/su	12/4/cl	9/3/sh	6/2/mx	4/4/cl	6/3/cl	9/4/sh
Haliburton	14/6/su	12/5/cl	9/3/sh	6/2/mx	4/4/cl	6/2/cl	9/1/sh
Huntsville	14/6/su	12/4/cl	9/3/sh	6/2/mx	4/4/cl	6/3/cl	9/2/sh
Kingston	16/7/su	14/6/cl	10/6/sh	7/2/mx	5/3/cl	7/2/pc	10/0/sh
Lindsay	16/7/su	13/6/cl	9/4/sh	6/2/mx	4/3/cl	6/2/cl	9/1/sh
Minden	14/6/su	12/5/cl	9/3/sh	6/2/mx	4/4/cl	6/2/cl	9/1/sh
Oshawa	16/7/su	14/6/cl	11/7/sh	7/2/mx	5/2/cl	7/1/cl	10/0/sh
Ottawa	16/6/su	14/8/cl	10/7/sh	5/0/mx	4/2/cl	7/0/pc	8/1/sh
Toronto	17/7/su	14/7/cl	11/7/sh	7/1/mx	6/2/cl	7/1/cl	10/1/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Oct	Friday Hi/Low/Oct	Saturday Hi/Low/Oct	Sunday Hi/Low/Oct	Monday Hi/Low/Oct	Tuesday Hi/Low/Oct	Wednesday Hi/Low/Oct
Calgary	3/-3/su	8/-1/su	5/-2/cl	3/-6/sn	4/-6/sf	9/-2/cl	3/-5/mx
Edmonton	3/-4/pc	5/-3/dz	3/-6/mx	2/-7/sn	2/-7/sf	4/-7/cl	-2/-4/sn
Fredericton	14/7/pc	14/9/sh	11/7/sh	12/4/sh	9/3/mx	9/1/pc	7/3/pc
Halifax	14/7/sh	14/9/sh	13/13/dz	13/11/sh	10/8/cl	9/3/pc	11/6/pc
Montreal	16/7/su	14/8/cl	11/8/sh	6/2/ra	4/-1/cl	7/0/pc	7/0/sh
Regina	5/-4/pc	6/-2/cl	0/-7/pc	0/-8/sf	-1/-9/sf	7/3/cl	3/-6/sf
St. John's	13/7/pc	12/7/dz	9/8/ra	10/8/sh	8/6/cl	8/4/su	9/1/su
Saskatoon	2/-6/pc	3/-3/cl	0/-5/cl	0/-7/cl	-1/-6/sf	6/-4/cl	0/-8/sf
Vancouver	14/11/ra	13/10/ra	11/7/sh	11/7/mx	9/6/mx	11/7/sh	10/5/ra
Whitehorse	-4/-10/cl	-3/-9/sf	-2/-8/sn	0/-3/sn	-6/-9/sf	-4/-9/sn	-6/-11/sn
Winnipeg	3/-7/mx	-1/-7/sf	-1/-4/sf	0/-8/cl	-1/-7/pc	7/1/cl	3/4/sf

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Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 11/3	9°C	-2°C	1.8 mm
Sunday 11/2	4°C	-8°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 11/1	6°C	-2°C	0.0 mm
Friday 10/31	15°C	-3°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 10/30	7°C	-6°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 10/29	1°C	-3°C	0.0 mm
Tuesday 10/28	3°C	-1°C	0.3 mm

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SUN & MOON

Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu. 7:00 a.m./4:55 p.m.	1:41 p.m./none
Fri. 7:02 a.m./4:54 p.m.	2:01 p.m./12:15 a.m.
Sat. 7:03 a.m./4:52 p.m.	2:21 p.m./12:25 a.m.
Sun. 7:04 a.m./4:51 p.m.	2:41 p.m./2:35 a.m.
Mon. 7:06 a.m./4:50 p.m.	3:02 p.m./3:49 a.m.
Tues. 7:07 a.m./4:49 p.m.	3:28 p.m./5:07 a.m.
Wed. 7:08 a.m./4:48 p.m.	4:00 p.m./6:29 a.m.

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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

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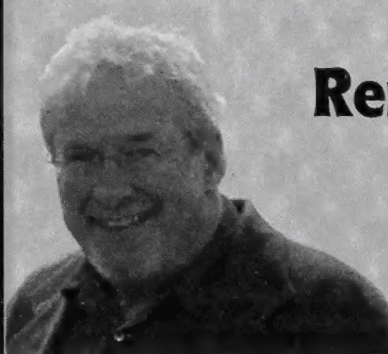
Echo Hills is a well sited three-storey apartment building which nicely fits into the backdrop hillside. Housing manager Barb Fawcett tells us it is 11 metres or close to 36 feet high.

The proposed Watercolours Condo will sit on a flat block of land and at 80 feet it will be more than double the height of Echo Hills.

On informed of the cost of Louisbourg, the French King thought he might wake up one morning in Paris and see the Fortress' towers looming visible from his bedroom window. People no matter where they live in Haliburton are most fortunate. They all will be able to see the towering condo whether they like the view or not.

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EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT



Remembrance Day 2008

The Voice devotes a lot of space in this week's issue to remembrances and reminiscences of war and warriors, past and present. These diverse stories serve to illustrate, among other things, just how our view of the institution of Remembrance Day

has changed so profoundly over the last 50 years or so. My colleagues George Farrell, Terrance Gavan, Lyn Winans, and yours truly were all born within a decade or so of the end of World War Two. I'm the old boy of the lot, checking in just a month or so after Armistice was declared in November 1945. None of us have any direct experience, except perhaps as teenage Cadets in high school, of the military, yet the Canada we grew up in was inextricably linked to the trauma of WW2, and resonates deeply in our memories.

Many of our relatives were vets. Some foods and goods were still rationed in my childhood. I remember Christmas ornaments having to be handmade because of material restrictions: butter was scarce; margarine (white, with a squeegee pack of colouring) was the norm. As well, what we called English Canada truly was, in many respects, an outpost of Great Britain. Our cultural closeness to Britain and Europe was deep: our parents' memories of the Blitz were as sharp as if they'd been there. The bombs that hit London were like some kind of personal attack.

Yet when the 1950s boom arrived, and the terrible details of the Holocaust, of Dresden, of Leningrad, of the Japanese prison camps and occupation began to sink fully into public consciousness, our society seemed to want to put away memory, to consign the war to the realms of bad dreams. The Cold War was an intellectual abstraction, Elvis was King, a Republican President, a General no less, publicly warned of the dangers of the "military-industrial complex", and the 1960s beckoned. The mad obscenity of the Vietnam War raised pacifism and anti-militarism to almost sacred heights. Our tired old vets, and the tacky, boozy Legions they inhabited, couldn't have been less cool, or important.

But as our generation matured, and began to take pride, first in the Canadian Forces peacekeepers, and then once again in the brave exploits of our soldiers in the Great Wars, the pendulum swung. The Legions also began to claim an important fund-raising and educational role in thousands of small communities across Canada. By the mid-1980s Remembrance Day ceremonies were regaining their cherished spot in the Canadian consciousness.

Then came the Bosnian conflict, and of course the war in Afghanistan. The sacrifice of almost 100 soldiers over the past three years, so many of them looking so impossibly young, was coupled with an unprecedented barrage of positive media spin on all things military. As a result our military has rarely been so popular, our support of increased military spending so uncontroversial.

Starting in just a couple of days (see Legion Ceremonies box on page 16) our Legions will be hosting ceremonies across the County. Bands, children, vets, and just plain folks will be turning out to honour those who didn't return. As always, the message of remembrance will be coupled with prayers for peace and an end to war. And that's one message all generations will take to heart.

Our Kandahar Columns

For all of you who have called us to inquire about our Kandahar Columnist, Captain David Beatty, we're happy to reassure you that he's on leave, alive, well, and hopefully having some fun in the Haliburton woods for a few days. In the near future we'll give you some excerpts from the dozens of columns he's managed to send from Canada, Texas, and Kandahar over this past year. We're very grateful to David for all the time and effort he's given to our readers since our inaugural issue of January 31st, and hope that if time and circumstances permit, we'll resume our electronic conversations. ■

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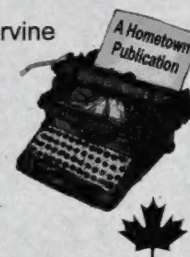


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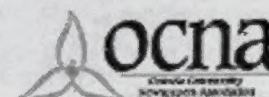


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Province Takes Steps to Ease Financial Pressure on Municipalities

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Staff Reporter

The Ontario Provincial Government and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) reached an agreement last week that will upload all social assistance benefits and court security costs from municipalities. A consensus report was released on Friday outlining how this agreement should reduce costs pressures for both municipalities and property taxpayers starting next year.

One thing that the agreement made clear was the fact that people who are seeking or presently receive Ontario Works assistance will not be affected by this agreement in any way.

The partners to the agreement, which includes the province, AMO and the City of Toronto, have agreed that broad based social assistance benefit programs shouldn't be funded through property taxes. The upload of Ontario Works benefits costs (including employment assistance) will take place between 2009 and 2018. They also agree that municipalities should have a key role to play in delivering Ontario Works programs in their communities going forward.

County Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "The county and municipalities have been lobbying the government to upload responsibilities that had previously been handed down to the municipalities." The consensus report released last week completes the work of the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review, which is intended to improve ways to deliver services to residents of Ontario.

Harrison was reluctant to comment until she has had an opportunity to carefully review the details of the agreement and be able to fully appreciate what the impact on both the county and the municipalities will be.

The agreement doesn't come without a downside. The agreement is quite complex and may take some time for the county and municipalities to fully examine. The municipalities may not actually realize benefits for some time as the uploading will take place over a period of almost 10 years, from 2009 through to 2018. In addition, even though a percentage of the funding for these programs will no longer flow through the Municipalities and there should be a resulting reduction in property taxes, there is no doubt that taxpayers will continue to share their portion of the burden through provincial taxes which is deemed by the province to be more appropriate.

Laura Janke, County Treasurer, said that since the initial announcement, she has been given some concrete numbers to look at. Janke says that the County receives social services through the City of Kawartha Lakes and while the County will be affected financially they do not control the purse strings.

According to Janke, there are two components to the information released. On one hand the province will be uploading some of the social services costs. On the other hand, the province provides revenue to the County and municipalities which will be affected adversely over time. Janke said that, while there will be no immediate impact felt, the bottom line is that financially the County of Haliburton is not going to come out ahead.

According to the official press release from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the agreement is intended to accomplish the uploading of Ontario Works benefits and court security costs. Early outcomes of the review process include the uploading of Ontario Drug Benefits, completed in 2008 and the Ontario Disability Support Program beginning in 2009.

By 2018, when all of these uploads are completed, the review should result in a net annual benefit to municipalities across Ontario of more than \$1.5 billion dollars compared to 2007. The total annual ongoing support to municipalities, in-

cluding other provincial initiatives, is projected to reach \$3.8 billion dollars which is an increase of about \$2.7 billion or 250 percent over 2003.

The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) social programs component will continue to respond to changing social assistance costs and will decline in response to cost decrease.

The upload of Ontario Works benefits will reduce municipal costs by more than \$400 million annually by the year 2018. The cost of court security will also be uploaded starting in 2012 to a maximum benefit of \$125 million a year by 2018.

Municipal Affairs and Housing Minister Jim Watson said, "This is a milestone in our partnership with municipal governments and all Ontarians will benefit from the spirit of collaboration of the review."

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As part of the agreement, a joint working group will be established to look at the current approach for funding Ontario Works administration and recommend ways to both simplify and strengthen accountability. ■

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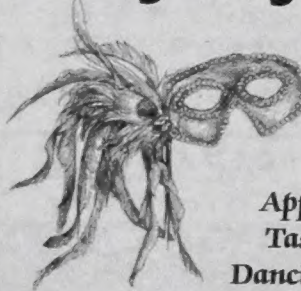
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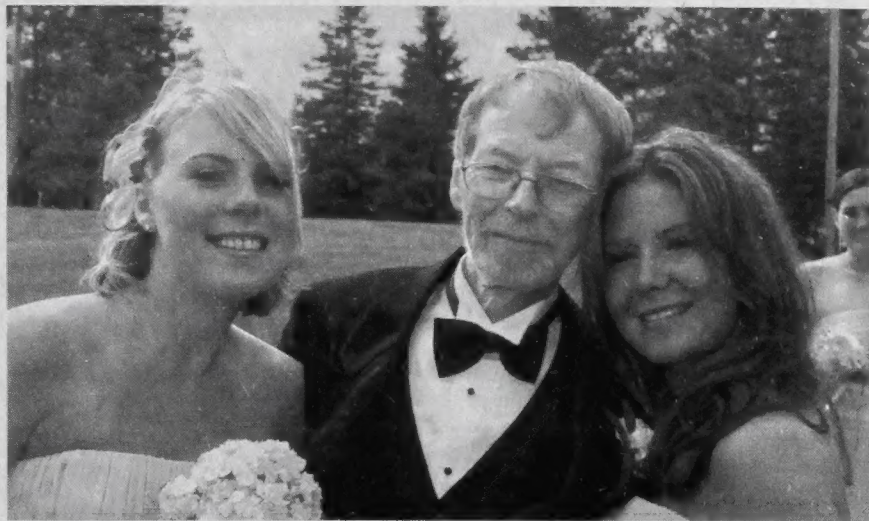
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Bruce Turner: Photographer & Father

by Stephen Patrick

Bruce Turner died last week after a long battle with the effects of his treatment for stomach cancer. Bruce had been a well-known photographer, electrician and contractor in Haliburton County since the late 1970s.

In the spring of 2004 he was diagnosed with stomach cancer, and underwent chemotherapy and radiation before he was operated on in July of that year. The treatments – and the operation – successfully removed all traces of cancer. But the effects of the radiation left him terribly weakened, unable to work, and unable to regain his strength. He battled courageously for four years against a series of debilitating illnesses before he



Laurie, Bruce, and Erin Turner

Photos by Tim Tofflemire



Bruce with daughter Jennifer Turner

last difficult years.

Bruce Turner demanded a great deal from himself – he was a passionate perfectionist in his work – and he bore his inability to recover fully from his illness with great courage, tinged naturally with some righteous anger. To recover from stomach cancer so successfully, only to be felled by the treatments that were supposed to help him, was a terrible irony. He was a great friend, a very talented photographer and builder, and a wonderful parent.

Bruce was buried in a family service in Toronto. A celebration of his life will be held at his home in Haliburton on November 15th between 2 and 5 PM. ■

finally succumbed last Friday, at age 59, in Sunnybrook Hospital with his devoted family by his side.

Bruce started his professional life in Toronto in the 1960s as a photography editor and technician with the Toronto Star. The newspaper business was certainly in his blood. His Dad was an advertising executive with the Star who died tragically in a boating accident in Kennis Lake when Bruce was just a teenager. The highlight of Bruce's successful Star career was his coverage of the July 5th, 1970 crash of an Air Canada DC8 at Toronto Airport. Bruce was the first photographer on the scene – as gruesome a crash site as you could imagine – and his coverage was graphic, imaginative, and accurate. His pictures were seen world-wide, and his ability to get the story in the face of such human tragedy was widely praised.

In the late 1970's Bruce moved to Haliburton where he began a successful career as a wedding and portrait photographer, and soon added licensed electrician and carpenter/contractor to his resume. He built an interesting and imaginative house on the Burnt River in Donald (where his older brother Brian and sister-in-law Blanche were raising a family) and he and his spouse Karen began to raise three girls of their own. In addition to successfully renovating dozens of Haliburton homes and cottages, Bruce taught well-attended courses in photography at Fleming College in Haliburton and was a strong supporter of the Haliburton Figure Skating Club for many years.

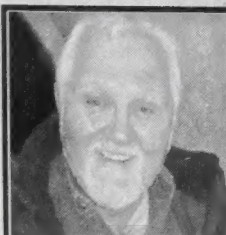
Bruce was devoted to the care and upbringing of his three magnificent daughters, Jennifer, Erin, and Laurie, all of whom blossomed under his loving, if exacting, parenting. They were a constant help and source of inspiration to him during his

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On Nov. 12, 1889, DeWitt Wallace, founder of Reader's Digest, is born in St. Paul, Minn. The first issue, printed in his basement in February 1922, had an initial run of 1,500 copies. By the end of the 20th century, Reader's Digest had the largest circulation of any publication in the world, with more than 17 million readers in dozens of countries and some 20 languages.

On Nov. 13, 1949, Caryn Johnson, later known as Whoopi Goldberg, is born in New York City. She dropped out of high school during her freshman year, later citing a learning disability that teachers mistook for retardation. In 1985, she made her movie debut in "The Color Purple" and earned an Academy Award nomination for Best Actress.

On Nov. 14, 1996, pop star Michael Jackson marries his second wife, Deborah Rowe. The couple had two sons, Prince and Paris, before divorcing in 1999. Jackson's first wife was Lisa Marie Presley, daughter of Elvis.

On Nov. 15, 1984, "Baby Fae," a month-old infant who had received a baboon-heart transplant, dies in California. Baby Fae survived the dangerous Oct. 26 operation, but doctors were forced to increase dosages of an immuno-suppressive drug, which caused kidney failure, which ultimately caused heart failure.

On Nov. 16, 1849, a Russian court sentences author Fyodor Dostoevsky to death for alleged anti-government activities. Instead, he received a last-minute reprieve and was sent to a Siberian labor camp, where he worked for four years. In 1866, Dostoevsky published "Crime and Punishment."



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Kingston Food Expert Sows the Seeds of Small Plot Farming

Andrew McCann Strikes a Chord as Keynote Speaker

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The seed was planted last weekend. Now it's just a question of how fertile minds accept the ideas.

Andrew McCann is a local food advocate, a man dedicated to an extravagant and fundamental restructuring of Canada's overall food planting and production strategy. It's an idea framed on the notion that local food produced by area farms, distributed by and to the commons is not airy-fairy, pie in the sky jabberwocky. Andrew McCann says it's an idea whose time has come.

Canada's reliance upon large scale industrial farming stands at the crux of a modern pandemic that is eroding Canada's capacity to produce food locally, said McCann, addressing a receptive crowd of about 75 people at a Fleming College food symposium on Saturday October 25.

The 2008 Local Food Forum, presented by the Haliburton Highlands Local Food Coalition (HHLFC), was an all day symposium replete with a lively discussion segment dedicated to providing interested Highlands residents, local growers, restaurateurs, food producers and vendors with some information about the efficacy of small scale food production and distribution techniques.

McCann said that planting the seed and "starting small" is the key to providing a sustainable local market economy. "The key is in linking the farmers with the eaters," said McCann. His strategies are based on a growing movement sparked by books like the "100-Mile Diet" and initiatives set to deliver more locally grown produce and meats. Farmers markets, local meat processing strategies, the reclaiming of arable farmland and local distribution facilities are all part and parcel of a grass roots strategy slowly gaining prominence in rural and suburban centers. Many people and many forces are converging to transform the way we nourish ourselves McCann said.

The HHLFC is a sub-committee of Environment Haliburton and they organized the event to identify possible strategies pertaining to the growth and sustainability of a local food production and marketing network here in the Highlands, a system perhaps based on the template currently gaining prominence and efficacy in the Kingston-Frontenac region.

McCann was invited because of his expertise on local food issues as a result of his groundbreaking work in the Kingston area. McCann is a renowned 'local food' expert, an author, teacher, farmer, and a guy with a penchant for motivating the proletariat toward the burgeoning concept of small plot farming and meat production strategies.

He is an expert in food-related issues who has a master's degree in 'agro ecology.' He currently teaches a course on food sustainability at St. Lawrence College in Kingston, and he also helped launch the college's Food Down the Road (FDTR) program. (FDTR can be found on the web at fooddowntheroad.ca)

He told the symposium that the local food initiative has taken hold in the Kingston area and he said that it's a strategy that can find a foothold in small communities if a coalition of the willing, which includes producers, vendors and restaurateurs, are willing to buy into the stratagem. The farmers and eaters of the National Farmers Union, Local 316 in December 2006, initiated Food Down the Road. NFU Local 316 has a long history of successful advocacy work in Frontenac, Lennox & Addington counties and the City of Kingston. It has pinpointed an overarching strategy dedicated to the propagation of a back to basics approach to food production, a template that flies in the face of current agribusiness policies.

He explained that the problem inherent with the current food delivery system centers on the disenfranchisement of the small plot farmer. An area with no farmers, no produce, and no local abattoirs will not be able to sustain a viable local distribution network said McCann. He allowed that it is incumbent upon a core group of local planners to become involved on the ground floor to cultivate a local food initiative.

"I only know what's working in Kingston and there are a number of small distribution centers growing in that area," said McCann. "One person can make a living off of local food distribution."

In a recent news article, "Food Down the Road" co-written by McCann and Wendy Luella Perkins, McCann states "Local food is a global trend. The movement towards fair and sustainable local food systems is not new, and it is not a fad, but it is experiencing a coming of age around the world, across Canada, and right here in Kingston and countryside."

Last Saturday he said that the idea of locally grown food is only sustainable if there is a commitment to farming, and a subsequent commitment to ensure that arable acreage does not become moribund as older farmers retire and leave land untended.

He said that there is a fundamental assumption on the part of most Canadians that there are no young farmers out there, an assumption perhaps boosted by our growing reliance on sprawling agribusiness and the notion that massive and centralized distribution networks make eminent economic sense. McCann pointed to initiatives like Food Down The Road as blueprints that offer some solace for local growers and consumers. He added that the Food Down the Road website offers links to local producers, farmers markets, and information on why buying local is an eminently logical and healthy decision. He said that FDTR will provide website template information for other local initiatives free of charge to communities who are interested in setting up a similar enterprise in their own area.

"Food Down the Road is a vibrant, growing, community movement toward a sustainable future," writes McCann in the article. "Our broad and diversified movement seeks to build a local food system that can nourish us all in the future. Although we face numerous challenges – globally and locally, economically and ecologically, politically and practically – we encourage citizens to individually and collectively face these challenges."

He told the symposium about a Kingston business called Wendy's Local Market, an online local distribution center that is providing a service to Kingston consumers, food outlets and restaurants on a year round basis. McCann says that there are many more enterprises making the move into the local food economy. He said that there are young and vibrant people out there, currently eking out a living in the city people that may be willing to commit to a lifestyle choice that blends small plot farming or animal production with a quality of life situation.

He said that the key to attracting new agricultural producers lies in sustainable ties to a fundamental market share.

And of course that requires a mind set that flies in the face of modern agribusiness and box store advertising techniques that implore consumers to seek the lowest price. It's a strategy that sees Canadians buying tasteless tomatoes from Brazil in the height of our summer growing season here in Canada.

Andrew McCann holds no truck with agribusiness. He says that large-scale crop production and especially huge pork, cattle and chicken production facilities are not healthy for the consumer, the land or the environment.

"The key lies in attracting new farmers and we have to figure out a way to attract them," said McCann. Without farmers, formerly arable land reverts quickly to forest and eventually becomes moribund. It's a legacy propagated by an accepted notion that the small plot farm is dead. And, of course, that will remain true for as long as the small plot farmer is denied access to the disbursement of his goods.

"We need to set up projects to attract farmers," said McCann. He remains convinced that it's a strategy that is eminently workable, but said that is only viable with the backing of a willing community, including the bulwark of a distribution network that will provide a set and sustainable target for the goods. Goods that can be sold at a fair price, affording the farmer access to a living wage, which must include a surety for a sustainable lifestyle. Compensation for work that is commensurate with hourly wage expectations.

He allowed that simple initiatives like Wendy's Local Market and the FDTR coalition could provide an impetus for local farm growth. "Long term partnership is the key," said McCann. Partnership between the consumer and the producer is intrinsic if this system is going to work, said McCann.

"Can you work with each other?" asked McCann. He said that the key to invigorating a local food economy is partnership, commitment and communication. "Don't get bogged down with infighting," added McCann, stressing that a grow-and-buy local initiative would only work if farmers are paid in a way that will reward their efforts.

That would include a large-scale community commitment and a common agreement that farmers, if this idea is to achieve fruition, must be compensated fairly.

And that's only possible said McCann, "If our egos don't get in the way." ■



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Creating a Vision for the County

In June the County Council held an educational retreat at Martinwood Resort in Harcourt. Their goal was to hold a visioning session. Since that time Reeve Eleanor Harrison has made several references to making the results of their session public, but for reasons unknown, Council's vision has remained a bit of a closed topic.

When the Council announced that there would be a public meeting on October 24th in Stanhope, it was understood by many that their vision was finally about to go public. That was not to be the case as their vision still remains a creative work in progress.

In fact, when almost 80 stakeholders gathered in the Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall, they found they were instead to be involved in a working session to review a draft vision/mission statement and to conduct a SWOT Analysis for the County; a strategic planning process to look at strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats that County Council has to work with and around while moving forward.

But even though the vision still needs a little work, the session was infused with energy, creativity and a wealth of knowledge from those in attendance. There is no doubt that the room was filled with people who care deeply about where they live and who were more than ready to offer their collective knowledge and ideas to help County Council move forward.

Warden Eleanor Harrison welcomed everyone to the session and said, "It is my hope that we come out of this meeting with a positive vision for the future."

Harrison introduced Terry Whyte of the Templeton Consulting Firm, a law firm out of Belleville that specializes in human resource work and strategic planning. Whyte has worked with the County and almost all of the municipal councils, conducting organizational reviews. He was also present to work with County Council during their first visioning session.

Whyte said, "This is a very appropriate end for Local Government Week." He said that he had presented County Council with their organizational review earlier in the week and he looked forward to dialogue around what had come out their June 24th visioning session. Whyte said that when the results of both sessions are compiled, the results will be available to the public.

The session was set up to follow the format of a recent on line survey that the County held about the status of existing services and improvements that could be made. The stakeholders were broken into working groups and Whyte presented County Council's draft vision statement for consideration and comment. He also said, "I want you to think about one thing that you would like to see the County achieve over the next three or four years."

The draft vision statement was, "The County of Haliburton is committed to providing a high quality effective public service that enhances the economic, social and environmental well be-

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

ing of the community." Whyte asked each group to identify what the statement meant to them and how it might help or hinder the County from moving forward. He said, "When this is finished the statement should be the touchstone for your meetings. If your actions don't meet with intent of the statement, you should look at it again."

Comments on the vision statement that came out of the discussion suggested that it was too generic and could be used to describe any county or town rather than emphasizing Haliburton County's unique qualities. It was felt that the statement should, in fact, be more visionary and include proactive, rather than reactive planning. Some stakeholders felt that the statement reflected administrative responsibility rather than Council's responsibility. Another suggestion was that the vision statement should somehow emphasize the need for partnerships.

One group responded that while the statement was comprehensive, it was not specific enough, nor did it address the disparity in wealth that exists in the County which creates very different priorities in its residents. Comments were also made about the need for a shared set of values.

Jack Brezina, speaking on behalf of his group, reminded the Councillors that the purpose of the statement should be indicative of the County bringing a service to the people, not the people serving those that have been elected. He talked about the vastness of the County and the difficulty of managing that area. Brezina also said that there is some confusion as to many people's view of what 'Haliburton' really is, given the Village itself, the County and the name Haliburton Highlands.

Paul MacInnes was another group spokesperson who commented that all of the departments within the County seem to be working well with the funds they have available to them. However, he said it is more important to focus on the gaps. MacInnes said that the number one priority should be to establish a strategic and long term economic development plan.

Whyte, who has just completed an organizational review for both Highlands East and Dysart, said that the results for each review had been unique and gave him insight when completing the County review. He said that the visioning exercise supported his findings from the organizational reviews and he applauded the invigorating start to discussions. Whyte then asked the groups to consider what the County is doing well and what was not doing well. The topics raised during this part of the session were literally across the board.

Items listed as strengths, or things that are going well within the County included (but were certainly not limited to) the variety of organizations focussing on environmental issues, a healthy volunteer sector, the ongoing focus on arts and cultural activities, the County's natural beauty and environment, existing land use planning and planning policies from both levels of government, a good road system, the Haliburton County Development Cor-

"Think of the one thing you'd like to see the County achieve over the next three or four years." (Terry Whyte)

poration, trail management and development, emergency services that are unique, flexible and working well, excellent GIS/GPS/911 systems, the County's well managed budget and the skill and expertise of county staff.

The things that were deemed to be existing weaknesses included first and foremost the lack of high speed Internet services, then (in no particular order of importance) poor communications, lack of a coordinated approach to funding, too much focus on urban centres, the need for an economic development strategy, the need to open up the road system and development of sustainable transportation, the lack of employment and quality employment, lack of health related equipment and the need for more health professionals, the need for more creative thinking, the need for emphasis on youth (to come and stay and help the county grow), the lack of suitable housing & finally, poverty.

Discussion then turned to opportunities available to the County and threats to growth and development. Many of the issues raised during this part of the discussion mirrored the discussion on strengths and weaknesses.

Some of the prevailing opportunities that were raised included the opportunity for green industries and initiatives, the ability and willingness to tap into the skills of both seasonal and permanent residents, the County's unique environment, angling/hunting activities and continued trail development. The quality of the arts and cultural community was seen as a huge opportunity to build on, and finally almost every group touted the vast quantity of land available in the County for growth and development.

Threats to the County also varied greatly and in some instances threats could also be viewed as opportunities. As an example, our geography, while seen as an opportunity also presents itself as a vast area to service. Per capita funding formulas were considered a threat as they don't include the seasonal population. On the other hand, the growing shift from seasonal to year round residents with no increase in property tax base was seen as a threat given the enormous increase in demand for services.

Resistance to change and the complacency of ratepayers was also viewed as a threat to growth and change; the 'we want our cake and eat it too' or 'we want our lake & drink it too' philosophy. Fear of further downloading of services from higher levels of government, weather, the need to care for an aging population and our current economic situation rounded off the list of the primary threats that the groups saw facing the County.

On the question of taxes and the various group positions on them, responses varied from thinking that we pay too much but probably not enough for what we want; concern for the fact that taxes are based on property not income and that many residents are property rich but have low incomes; the issue of and disparity between waterfront vs. non waterfront property; the County's and Municipalities' dependency on grants; the fact that our taxes may be the lowest in eastern Ontario; the need to increase taxes as necessary to sustain a viable & vital county and an overall general philosophy that taxpayers are getting value for their money.

The Stakeholders were finally asked what one thing they wanted to see accomplished over the next three or four years. This question proved to be the most difficult as none of the groups were able to respond with only one goal. The top priority was overwhelmingly the need for high speed Internet for at least 90% of the population. Other primary goals identified were to have the appropriate strategic, planning and development mechanisms in place for growth, improved transportation systems, improved housing programs, the creation of a green economic sector, skilled training and apprenticeship programs, a year round industrial base and finally having proactive communications with neighbouring counties.

Another goal raised as a must was for the County to strike a balance between economic development and tourism. Although it was felt that economic development is critical, at what cost to the tourism industry?

Godfrey Tyler spoke eloquently about the need to put more emphasis on the forest industry as part of the County's roots lay there. There was also considerable discussion about the need for policies to support the vision that arises from the County's work. Transportation was seen as a possible key to reducing isolation. Comment was even made that many of the long standing members of the municipal Councils are aging while the youth of the County are leaving. This raises the question of who the County's future leaders will be. Without the ability to attract younger families as permanent residents the question was raised "where are the leaders of tomorrow going to come from."

On behalf of the County Council, Whyte assured everyone that their words and wishes would not go unheard. ■

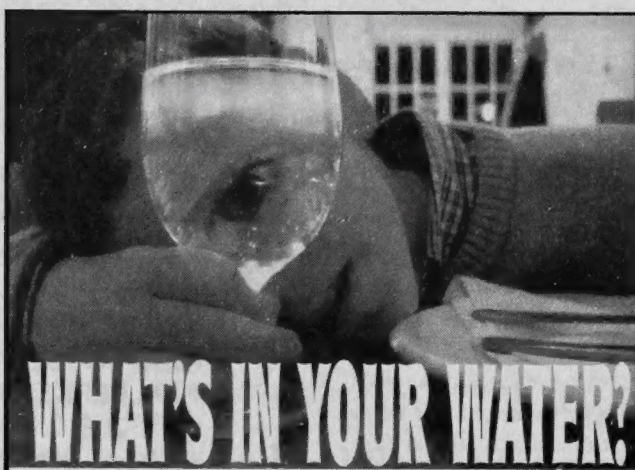
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It was an idea that came out of a deep and evolving commitment to "do something" says Kim. A program on Canada AM during Remembrance Day week in 2006 spurred Kim to action.

A story I did for the Communicator about this time last year cited Kim's outstanding commitment and involvement in the Afghanistan conflict through a wing of the Canadian Military Police stationed nearby in Petawawa. Kim started an initiative that burgeoned into a Highlands phenomenon. Many Highlanders jumped on board, offering donations and help with parcels. Kim continues to pack Christmas, Canada Day, Easter and other special occasion bundles off to Kandahar. Small things. Parcels containing some mementoes from home; clothing, toiletries for the men and women serving on base and on patrol. Later, the soldiers wrote emails back to Kim and Derrell. Letters of gratitude and letters asking for more. But not more for the soldiers. Instead the grateful soldiers were asking for presents for the kids and the families of the indigenous population. Gifts for young Afghan boys and girls. Gifts for a school. The Canadian Military Police in Kandahar have taken on several causes. They visit schools; they provide compelling aid. In the upper echelon of the military they call it a battle for "minds and hearts." The Canadian Military Police have no such agenda. They saw a crack ... they filled it. Easy Peasey. Not for the greater glory, but from compassion. Soldiers giving. Like soldiers do.

And, you ask, what has this to do with the wounded soldier?

Well, Derrell has a brother who runs a very large and very successful RV dealership on the outskirts of Calgary. Craig Stamp comes back to Haliburton for hunting season and last year he asked if there was anything he could do to help. Sure, said Kim and Derrell. Be careful what you wish for, warns Kim Stamp, because it could change your life.

Kim says that Craig's pitch was simple. "What if I got the staff of Guarantee RV in Calgary on board and we offered to set aside \$100 from the sale of each RV to the soldiers' cause?" asked Craig.

"I wasn't prepared for what that actually meant," says Kim, who works in Real Estate, but readily admits she was never prepared for just how nuts Albertans are about rolling real estate and their vicarious homes on wheels.

"The first check came and I opened it and I started to cry ... I never expected anything close to that amount ... I'd really like to say just how touched I was by their generosity," says Stamp.

That first check was in the amount of \$11,000 and right away Stamp realized that this was going to require some rethinking. Understand that her 'Parcels for Kandahar' initiative is very labor intensive, but does not require a huge amount of funds to keep the ball rolling.

Subsequent donations from Craig and his generous staff at Guarantee RV in Calgary have run to triple that amount and with over \$30 K in the bank, Kim Stamp says she needed to shift gears and reevaluate.

"One of the lessons I've learned in all of this is that we don't realize that what we do, even in a small way, can have such an impact, and once people know that there is a tangible way to help, people are willing to give. I've had so many offers to help from a lot of people. Their input is significant and it's making a difference."

Kim says she proceeded to set up a bank account and then went to an old friend and mentor for help. She brought this welcome news to Sgt Major Kevin Lamorie, an MP who was instrumental in the setting up of the "Parcels for Kandahar" initiative.

At about the same time she received correspondence from Captain David Beatty, now stationed in Kandahar and the author of a regular column in the Voice. "He sent me an email and in it he said 'Remember the wounded soldiers,'" says Kim. That made eminent sense. And for Kim Stamp who possesses a heart as big as the Canadian Shield, it provided the impetus

for a shift in thinking.

Lamorie put Kim in touch with two ladies who work on base in Petawawa. Debbie Bristol and Lorraine Shirley are part of the Casualty Support Program on the base. They put her in touch with John Riley. John Riley is one of our walking wounded. His story is not so special. But John Riley is special. He gave of himself. On November 11 it's important to remember those old soldiers who gave so much. But on November 11 it's also important to remember the John Rileys. "They also serve ..."

John Riley is 22 years old, a corporal in the military police. He is from Prince Edward Island, but stationed in Petawawa. Two months into a tour in Kandahar his vehicle was involved in a roadside bombing. An Afghan interpreter in the vehicle lost a leg. John Riley suffered catastrophic injuries. Both legs broken, a back injury, a concussion and more. He was treated in Kandahar, airlifted to hospital in Germany and returned home to Petawawa where he now copes with the rehab sessions, ongoing surgical procedures and a return to normalcy.

Kim and Derrell went to Petawawa to visit John last summer. Thanks to the gang at Guarantee RV they came with the wherewithal to help. "We were given John's name and we spent some time talking to him," smiles Stamp. She noticed that he spent the visit propped up on his bed. That percolated and led to a decision. "We got home and went to Churko's and Jim (Churko) gave us a great deal on a La-Z-Boy chair," says Stamp. "Derrell and I took it to Petawawa on Canada Day weekend and John was quite overwhelmed by the gift." John Riley could now leave his bed and still keep those wounded legs elevated. A laptop table that fits snugly into the chair helps him answer emails today. The Churko Chair gives him

some freedom from the bed.

That was the first major purchase of this new "Wounded Warrior" Haliburton-Calgary twinned initiative. Since then the fund has donated two wheelchairs to the rehab ward at the Petawawa Base Hospital and Kim says that the fund will also be involved in the ongoing "Parcels to Kandahar" program.

She says that there is enough money to accommodate wounded veterans on a number of support levels, and that aid will be assessed and disbursed with input from Lamorie and the Casualty Support Program. Kim Stamp sends a record of all purchases and all of the correspondence back to Calgary to let the staff know just how much of a difference they are making.

She says that Craig's only stipulation was that all monies be funneled directly to individual soldier support and not vicariously through charitable foundations. That means a lot of leg-work for Kim and Derrell Stamp, but that's something that they accept with equanimity. Right now she's looking into delivering compensatory parcels to the hospitals in Germany and Kandahar. "We'll be sending socks, shirts, articles of clothing as well as some portable DVD players with disposable headphone sets," says Stamp. And again, they will also, at the request of Canadian soldiers and medical staff on the ground be sending clothes and other things to the children who also receive treatment in the Kandahar hospital. "They said that they also needed clothing for the kids, so we'll be doing that as well," says Kim.

Kim Stamp likes to steer clear of any of the philosophical or political ramifications. "I'm doing this for the troops," she says. "They are there serving the country and it really doesn't matter whether we agree with the war or not ... we should be there for them." She stops and references once again the email from Captain Beatty - whose parents live and farm maple syrup here in the Highlands, and are very involved in the "Parcels for Kandahar" project - whose words echo with her especially as November 11th approaches.

"Remember the wounded."

Other words too, echo with a seminal heartbeat. Like the thank you received from Corporal John Riley, an email written on his laptop from his La-Z-Boy chair.

"He's a man of few words," says Stamp.

"I can't thank you enough for what you have done for me, since my return to Canada. You have done way too much. I thank you so much for bringing me this chair, it gets me out of my bed. It is excellent. I will email your brother and thank him and his company for doing this. It was a pleasure seeing you again and meeting your husband for the first time."

John Riley will be one of a contingent of soldiers that will be here in Haliburton for Remembrance Day.

We often wonder what we can do on this day, this remarkable day of celebration and sorrow.

Here's an idea.

Take some time. Go to the Legion on November 11, 2008.

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Women at War

George Farrell
Staff Reporter

War is most often thought of as a man thing. However women played a huge role during WW2, less so in WW1. During the First World War, the women's suffrage movement was gaining support, and women of the day did not have many freedoms. During WW1 women were brought into the workplace to take over the jobs of the men that were away fighting. However, when the men returned home many women left their jobs to return to the household.

Women in the military forces were virtually unheard of in the war of 1914-18, with one notable exception; the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY). FANY was founded in 1907, and so was the oldest and most respected women's military force serving through WW1. By WW2 2,000 FANY members joined the Secret Operation Executive (SOE), which involved work that could risk torture and execution. The SOE was basically a spying operation.

It's a long way from First Aid to spying, and perhaps that faith in the competency of women reflects the advances they made in the years spanning the two wars. Before WW2 most married women did not have paid jobs, but this was all to change.

In WW2 many different groups were organized to involve women, and the Government began a massive advertising campaign to encourage women into the work place. Women worked in shipyards, aircraft factories, engineering works, chemical plants and munitions factories, all places traditionally the do-

main of men. Women became bus conductors, railway workers, labourers, welders and porters. Some jobs had never been done by women before, such as building ships, driving tanks and railway locomotives. In 1941 Britain became the first country to conscript women, first it was single women under 26, then women aged 18-51. By 1943, nine out of 10 single women and eight out of 10 married women were working in industry or the armed forces. In addition to FANY there were other armed forces organizations that women joined. The ATS Auxiliary Territorial Service.



The ATS was set up in 1938 and within a year it had 17,000 volunteers and by 1943 it had 200,000. In December 1941 they became an equal part of the armed forces and were paid the same as men. The ATS were not allowed to fire guns, or go into action, but they could do every other job such as becoming cooks, clerks, telephonists, lorry driv-

ers, motorbike riders, engineers and translators. One of their most important jobs was in anti-aircraft command. They tracked enemy planes with searchlights and radar, and aimed the guns, but men had to fire. One of the most famous ATS members was Princess Elizabeth, now Queen Elizabeth II.

WAAF Women's Auxiliary Air Force

The WAAF was part of the RAF (Royal Air Force) and had 182,000 members by late 1943, which resulted in 22% of personnel on airfields being women. As they were not allowed to fight they did other things like operating radar positions, and warning of approaching enemy aircraft. They also delivered bombs and fuel to aircraft. By the end of the war 70 percent of the WAAF were involved with skills such as engineering.

WRNS Women's Royal Naval Service

These women were known as Wrens, and they had 74,000 members by 1943. They were not allowed to go to sea on warships, but still had skilled and difficult jobs. They held positions such as

drivers, engineers, radar operators and meteorologists (weather forecasting)

WVS Women's Voluntary Service

The WVS was set up in 1938 and involved women who did not want a paid job, but who still wanted to play a part in the war effort. Their motto was "never say no" as they tried to do what ever they could to help. They assisted during air raids by running canteens and rest centres for the homeless. They organized evacuations, managed air raid shelters and set up first-aid posts. They set up and ran national day nurseries which enabled other women to go out to work and to leave their children. This led to the network of nurseries we have today.

Canadian Women in World War II

About 45,000 Canadian women volunteered for military service in World War II, and most other Canadian women contributed on the home front. In World War II, women were not allowed to fly as pilots with the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF), but some Canadian women did fly with the Royal Airforce Air Transport Auxiliary. Canadian women filled many positions formerly thought of as the domain of men; including working on assembly lines, in support services, as war brides and on the home front in Canada. Aircraft designer Elsie MacGill oversaw the design and production of Hawker Hurricanes fighter planes in Canada during World War II.

My Mother Jean, served with the Women's Auxiliary Air Force, (WAAF) in England. This is her story.

"I was born in Wellington, Shropshire in 1925, to Tom and May Corbett. We were a middle class family with rather Victorian sensibilities. My first job was at 16, and I was an optician's assistant. In those days about the only jobs open to young women like me were as a nurse a teacher or a secretary. My dad was too old to join the war, but I remember that he was a part time police constable and he was replacing men who had gone to war. My mom helped at the local YMCA making sandwiches for soldiers and air force personnel who were stationed at nearby bases."

"I was still in school when war broke out. It was a school where the girls and boys were separated. I remember hearing about the German invasion of France, and all the girls were all hyped up and we'd be yelling 'vive la France and vive England.' We heard most of the information on the radio-there was no TV back then, and everyone was glued to their radios every evening after school."

"I went to the local recruiting office when I was 16 to join up, but I had to wait until I was 17 before they would take me. I joined the R.A.F. (Royal Air Force). I thought flying and air-planes were the most wonderful things in the world. I wanted to get out of our small town and help with the war. Wasn't romantic to me, but flying was. I knew-I couldn't be a pilot, but I wanted to be associated with planes and pilots."

"The whole family was horrified, but it was too late for them to do anything about it because you didn't need your parents permission once you'd turned 17. I went for my basic training in Morcambe in Lancashire, and it was the furthest I'd ever been away from home. I was told that I was going to be a driver, and that's what I became. Before being assigned I did drill training and marched with hundreds of other young women recruits. We did this for about 3 weeks before being posted. I was posted to Rednal in Shropshire. It was closer to home, on the Welsh border. Rednal was an operational training unit; OTU 61. It was where pilots who had flown before got their last 6 weeks flight training in Spitfire fighters,"

and I stayed there for the duration of my war service. My main responsibility was driving a tractor, which towed a bowser, which was a big gasoline container. I'd tow it out to refuel the aircraft."

"The aircraft were never kept all together in case of bomb-

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ings. From our base location pilots went straight into operations. I saw crashes, and pilots who took off and never returned. Through the grapevine we'd hear of pilots that maybe a day or two before we'd been walking with or dancing with, who'd been killed, and that's when the horror of war struck me. I think that's when I grew up. Before that it was fun in some respects. We were a bunch of teenagers and we didn't realize at first what we would eventually feel. But every day we would see German aircraft going over on bombing raids, on their way to Coventry and Bristol and other manufacturing centres and cities in the midlands. You'd hear on the news who'd been bombed. We all lost close friends. We were a close-knit group, like any bunch of teenagers in high school today."

"We all lived in nissan huts, about 20 girls in each hut. There was a pot bellied stove in the middle with beds lined up on either side. Everybody lived off base. Everything was dispersed. We all had bicycles and we cycled the 2 miles or so to and from work. Our mess hall was another 2 miles off base, and I must say we kept fit with all the cycling. We ate in a big mess hall which would seat a couple of hundred and we ate in different shifts. I remember the worst meal we had, during that war time rationing; it was sardines and beans on toast for breakfast."

"At the end of the war the whole country went wild, and it was a big party from north to south, but with a lot of sad memories as well. We women had a sense of freedom and independence that we'd never had before. I went to London for awhile, and some of the jobs I had was as an ice cream girl in the movie theatres, where I'd walk up and down the aisles selling ice cream, and I also worked as a model, which is what I did until we came to Canada."

Jean Corbett married Stanley Farrell after the war. Stanley served as a warrant officer, and was stationed in the Middle East. They met in Worcester. Stan worked as a painter and decorator, and mom continued as a model until the decision was made to immigrate to Canada in 1955. "England was going through tough times, and we thought we'd have a better time starting over again in Canada," Jean says. "There were a lot of people from England who immigrated in the '50's. My first job was in the dress department at Simpson's in downtown Toronto, and Stan quickly started his own painting and decorating business. I then managed a slenderizing salon for quite a few years. We moved from downtown to the new subdivision of Don Mills in 1957. We bought property on the Drag river in 1967 and we moved up permanently in 1975."

Stan and Jean have been members of the Minden Legion Branch 636 since 1992, and Stan is a past Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee. Jean is also an active member of the Spinners and Weavers Guild, and Stan continues to curl and golf.

"When I look back I think how different life is now," says Jean. "Before the war it was a time of innocence, and now a lot of the world seems a much harsher, colder place. Part of the reason we came to live in Haliburton County is that it reminded me a bit of my childhood in the country. It's small communities where everybody lends a helping hand, and there's all the beauty of the wildlife and the environment."

When I ask my Mom about what we've collectively learned from the wars, she responds; "I think we've learned to not be afraid of people who are different from us, and I hope this leads eventually to the end of all wars." ■

Remembering 1942 ...

Flying Officer Sid Adamson

by Lyn Winans

While chatting with Sid Adamson and his wife Lois at their home just south of Minden, it was fascinating to envision that exactly 66 years ago, Sid Adamson was 20,000 feet over the Alps and being shot at by an Italian Fiat CR-42 fighter plane.

Sid Adamson enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1941 at the age of 18, just after completing high school in Longueuil, Quebec. When asked his reason for joining the services, he replied, "it was the thing to do, there was a war on". Like many other young Canadian soldiers, he



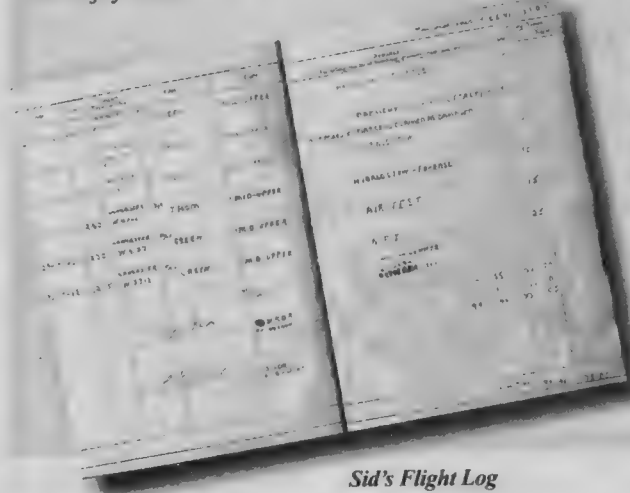
assigned to protect a Lancaster bomber.

Sid completed two tours of duty and 41 flights. Most were over German territory, although one was over Norway and two over Italy. It was while returning from Milan, Italy, on the 24th of October, 1942, that Flying Officer Adamson was called on to protect his life and that of the Lancaster crew. When asked for details, Sid quietly suggested that the "other guys" ended up somewhere at the foot of the Alps. He had survived, but with sadness in his voice, he also made mention of friends who had not returned after the war.

I was curious to know if Sid still had his uniform. Grinning, Lois and Sid informed me that it had been made into winter outfits for their young twin boys many years before. With a little coaxing, Sid somewhat reluctantly donned his air force hat that had managed to escape the creative wrath of Lois' sewing machine.

Sid doesn't spend a lot of time pondering the present state of the world. He and Lois, his wife of 62 years, choose to enjoy each day as much as possible and take delight in their 8 grandkids and 4 great grandkids.

After all, Sid and Lois have sure earned the right to relax and enjoy life. ■



Sid's Flight Log



Sid in his RCAF hat

was eventually stationed in England. As the Royal Canadian Air Force did not have a bomber command until 1944, Canadian air forces were attached to the Royal Air Force.

In 1940 Winston Churchill proclaimed: "The Navy can lose us the war, but only the Air Force can win it. Therefore our supreme effort must be to gain overwhelming mastery in the air." With that, a massive effort to produce heavy bombers was initiated, 7377 Lancasters were built, 430 of them in Canada.

During World War II the Lancaster was the most successful bomber used by the RAF and the RCAF. Lancasters were built to accomplish a purpose, and crew comfort was clearly a secondary consideration. Air gunners remained at their cramped posts for long periods of time, the temperature in the turrets frequently fell to minus forty degrees. Sid became a mid-turret gunner



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Remembrance Musings: The Young and the Old

Lyn Winans
Photojournalist

This Remembrance Day will be different for me. It will be the first in many years that I will not have shared with my grade seven students in the classroom, and the second without my old friend Bruce Porter.

Despite recent conflicts, my Remembrance memories always relate to the two world wars: mud trenches, Flanders Fields and Dieppe are just some of the images and places that come to mind. Although I did not experience either of these conflicts, the decade following the Second World War was very much influenced by what had occurred, and while growing up, I saw first hand some of the lingering post war attitudes.

Expressions of disapproval were common when playing with my young friend Waltroud, the daughter of a German couple who lived on the street, but were socially isolated by neighbours. Because of lingering war biases, a family relative turned down the opportunity of owning the first Volkswagen dealership in Toronto, which he later admitted was "one of the dumbest things I ever did". During the mid 1960's, some twenty years after VJ Day and the end of WW II in August 1945, there were still people who openly scorned any item manufactured in Japan or Germany.

Every November, Remembrance Day was commemorated at Archie Stouffer Elementary School where I taught. There were the

usual images and symbols; posters, plastic poppies, doves, crosses, guns and the reading of John McCrea's In Flanders Fields. Classes watched videos, the kids made posters, wrote essays and composed poems for the annual legion Remembrance competition. All things considered, it still seemed that some connection was missing: we were vacillating within the continuum of war being envisioned as "old guys in blue blazers" at one extreme, and a "Sylvester Stallone, war glorification depiction" at the other. Stereotypes are difficult to overcome. Having not really experienced war myself, how could I possibly help 12-year-old kids relate to experiences that were so important to their ancestors and to the history of their nation?

I wondered what kind of questions these kids would have asked had they been 12 years old in 1939, and soon in a position to enlist. The ensu-



ing class conversations were enlightening to say the least. Fear of dying, of being perceived as a coward, of missing family and friends were foremost on their minds. A basic distaste for killing other humans was obvious, and the question of whether killing, or being killed, is ever justified under any circumstance often followed. The discussions were usually thoughtful, emotional and intelligent.

Loyalty to country was explored, along with the effects of propaganda. I was left with the impression that these kids would be asking more questions than the "boys of 39". At the same time it was clear that they held convictions of what was dear to them, and that they would be brave, but not naïve. They respected what other generations had done, but did not

accept all the clichés without reservation.

I concluded that their remembrances would be different than my parents', or mine. It seemed that many had thought about what it must have been like to have lived in 1913 or 1939, and I hoped they would never have to make the decision that their forefathers had.

Despite growing up in the post war era, I didn't personally understand how deeply the experience of war was imbedded in the human fabric until I

met Bruce Porter, a veteran of both WWII and the Korean War. Bruce enlisted in November, 1942 and became a signalman with Royal Canadian Corp of Signals providing communication between fighting troops and those making decisions and supplying provisions from behind the front lines. As part of the second wave on D-Day, he along with the 3rd Division moved through France and Belgium, ending up in Holland for Victory in Europe Day. He re-enlisted in Jan 1952 and served in Korea as part of Canada's UN forces.

Bruce resided in the Minden area for many years and had belonged to both the Haliburton and Minden legions. He was a founding member of Branch 636 and was also a member of the Korean Veterans Association. Over time, he became a good friend and mentor, and on several occasions came into my class to share some of his experiences with the students.

Bruce dispelled my misguided images of veterans being old, washed-up guys in blue blazers and gray pants. Sure Bruce had the regalia, but he was more often attired in jeans and a T-shirt. Granted, he could be classified as a "senior", but that descrip-

tion somehow lost mileage after watching him pack shingles onto a roof, or witnessing the decimation of his "junior" opponents on the paddle-ball courts in Florida. He was spunky, fun, bright, well informed, stubborn and opinionated.

His past experiences dictated

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By Lt Col John McCrea
(of Guelph, Canada)
Died January 28th, 1918 while on
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In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly,
Scarce heard amidst the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from falling hands we throw
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The Hero Next Door

A hero lives next door to me.
A white-haired man I would often see—
When I'd go out to bike or walk,
But I never stopped to have a talk.
Until one day he invited me in,
And I sat down to chat with him.
He spoke of a time of death and war—
Of battles fought on a distant shore.
Where young men faced unspeakable fears,
And watched friends die while they shed tears.
When letters from home would bring a smile,
And remind them the fight was all worthwhile.
He talked of hearing the bombs and the shelling,
And the agony of hearing his comrades yelling.
As they lay in trenches, eyes turned to the sky—
Begging for God to let them die.
Some of these soldiers were only boys,
Who dreamt of a future filled with laughter and joy.
Yes, they faced an evil the whole world feared—
But they weren't backing down—they volunteered.
He recalled friends who went, and never returned.
Of lives changed, and lessons learned.
He hoped that these things I would remember—
When I bowed my head on the 11th of November.
Would I be proud too? Would I understand?
That my freedom was won by another's hand.
And our country that stands so tall today,
Owes a debt to these brave souls that we can never repay.
So I left this man who was so proud and wise,
Knowing I'd now look at him with different eyes.
No longer would he be as he was before—
From now on he will be the hero next door.

Kelsey Crowe

Poem written by Kelsey Crowe in
2004, age 12 – grade 7 ASES

My Father and the War

Terrance Gavan

Staff Reporter

My father was a tank transport driver during World War II. Growing up I never heard any staggering excerpts from his life overseas.

Mostly, I heard the funny stories.

Like when he and his buddy stole a messenger's motorcycle and some bacon and drove around to pubs bartering pig fat for pints, before returning the motorcycle with sidecar to the relieved corporal.

Funny excerpts from hell.

I attributed this nonchalance to Irish petulance.

And to the lilting prose of GK Chesterton, who I think nailed the funk of Irish sensibility with the following ditty:

"For the great Gaels of Ireland, Are the men that God made mad, For all their wars are merry, And all their songs are sad."

I did once hear him tell the story about how he lost his best friend TJ.

TJ was hand sweeping for mines as Pop's convoy awaited the all clear. "He waved us on," said Dad. "The he took a step back off the road and he blew up. Gone."

But I never saw him flinch.



Until one year when I was 17 and it was Remembrance Day and Pop had wandered in from the bar. It was at the point of his life when Pop was on the ebb side of his battle with Mr Smirnoff and Mr. O'Keefe and the bouts of melancholy were coming faster.

And he sat down and told me the story about a day in London.

The air raid signal went off and Pops and a buddy went down

to the underground, taking a seat at the front of the tunnel.

He told me that a woman walked in with a baby in her arms.

Dad got up, like any good Canadian soldier, gave up his seat, and moved into another part of the underground which was filling up quickly.

Five minutes later the whole tunnel system was rocked by a terrible explosion.

The one-in-a-million bomb had come down the steps into the first room where dad and his buddy had so kindly given up their seats to a woman and her child.

As the all clear sounded, Pops had to walk out past the anteroom.

"The woman and her baby were dead. Gone," said my Pops.

And then I watched as his head

dropped. And the sobs started.

I did the only thing I could think of. I gave him a hug.

It's the only time he cried about the war.

But I now know.

It was in his head. ■

Remembrance Musings

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that he keep abreast of world events, and there was rarely a political conversation where Bruce didn't have a well thought out, substantiated argument, something he lamented that we younger folks often lacked. He was undoubtedly right, our generation often takes peace and all our conveniences for granted. We were also advised to be more frugal, Bruce could not comprehend why we would go and purchase nails when perfectly usable, albeit slightly bent ones, could be salvaged from the heap of old boards lying behind the shed.

Occasionally ghosts of Bruce's wartime prejudices would peek from beneath the surface. He had always been an advocate of American cars, and "rice burners" continued to be a taboo means of transportation, even decades after the battles were over. Eventually Bruce did purchase a used foreign car citing practicality and price as his justification, and who would ever have guessed that only a few years later, he'd be swapping "war stories" with German veterans during a visit to Holland for the 50th D-day reunion?

Times change, maybe forgiveness just takes longer when sacrifices have been extreme. I knew intuitively that Bruce would have embraced Waltroud, as he did all young people he interacted with, and I felt that I better understood the toll that war takes on good people, it is as destructive to the human spirit as to the body. The effects last decades and seem to leave participants to forever grapple with old loyalties and attitudes that create per-



Bruce Porter as a young soldier

sonal conflicts, and are understandably difficult for post war generations to comprehend.

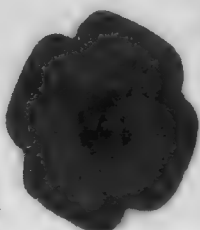
Due to failing health, Bruce moved from Minden to the Belleville area to access necessary medical facilities. Unfortunately, he lost his final battle just over a year ago, in September 07. The effects of his war experiences persisted, and according to his wishes, he was buried alongside his comrades at Canada's National Military Cemetery in Ottawa.

Possibly, with our soldiers returning from present day conflicts, young people will meet a veteran like Bruce who will enable them to make a human connection to our country's war experiences. Remembrance becomes more meaningful, the implications more understandable and the stereotypes dispelled, when one can share the

stories, fears, joys, concerns and regrets of someone who was actually there.

This November 11th, my remembrances will be of Bruce, a loyal Canadian and old friend, my hopes will be of our bright, questioning kids who may find a better solution than war.

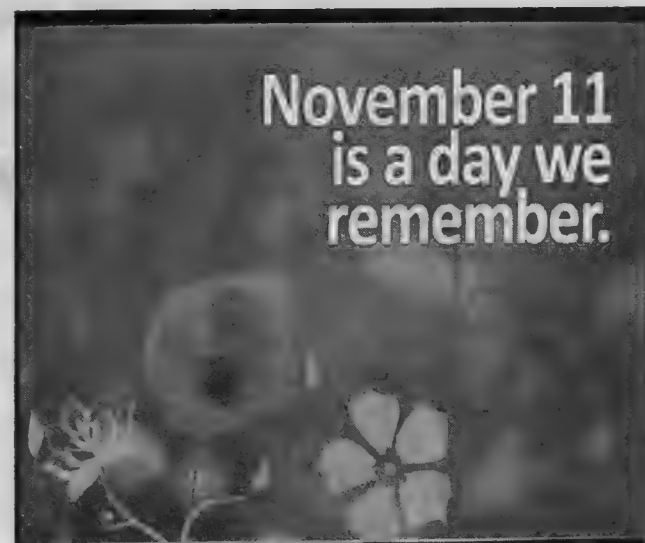
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Serving in Afghanistan

Mark Arike
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Local Teacher, Susan Rusaw, Talks About Her Son's Work Overseas

Susan Rusaw's 33-year old son Christopher is one of the many Canadian soldiers currently serving his country in Afghanistan.

And though Remembrance Day is next Tuesday, Christopher won't be back in the country to spend that time with his family. He will surely, however, be taking a moment with his fellow battalion members to honour those who have made the ultimate sacrifices.

"We're so very proud of him," said Christopher's mom Susan, a teacher who works at both the Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary Schools.

Christopher was first deployed out to Afghanistan with the 2SVCBN Military Service Battalion on Sept. 18, 2008. He's expected to return to Canada sometime in March.

In an interview with The Voice, Susan explains the extensive training her son had to go through to be fully prepared for his first mission into a dangerous territory.

"He has been trained for seven years as a vehicle technician; he's the lead mechanic for his group. He's a Corporal in the army and his main job is to recover large tanks. When there's a breakdown on a tank they either have to go out and fix the tank on-site or tow it back to an area where they can do the repairs."

Christopher and his battalion are located in an area that is just outside of Kandahar.

"I don't know the name of it, but it's two provinces away on a desert site," says Rusaw, whose son has told her a bit about his living conditions.

"The way it was built was that they had taken a bulldozer and shoved up eight-feet of sand in a great big circle. Their tents are

in this huge circle of sand, so he says that every time he walks it's like walking in a foot of ash. And the heat, even at this time, is quite stifling."

Christopher started his career working in telecommunications in Toronto. As Susan explains, he discovered that it just wasn't for him.

"He was living in Apsley and already had family, so he found

that the four-hour round trip was too long of a trek," she says while adding, "he always wanted to be in the army."

Perhaps family is also part of the reason that Christopher became so adamant about serving for his country in the first place.

"I'm from Ohio and my father was in the army in World War II as a Sergeant in the Philippines. Chris always aspired to serve his country



that way," says Rusaw.

At first Susan says she didn't really support Christopher's goal of being a soldier: "We lost our other son in a car accident when he was just 20, so we really weren't that thrilled to have Christopher go into the military. His response was, 'It's my job and all of my friends feel the same way.' He doesn't have regrets at all that this is what he has chosen."

Susan tries to keep in touch with Christopher as often as possible, but communication breakdowns often occur.

"They only had one phone at the camp they were at," says Rusaw. "I guess there are both Canadian and American forces where they are and they only had one Canadian phone and it didn't work.

So all the troops there are using one American phone, and when he calls sometimes you hear him just for a few minutes before he cuts out. I think he gets through to his wife about twice a week."

To avoid causing his family more worry, Christopher doesn't go into great detail about what goes on in Afghanistan. His wife Crystal also doesn't tune into war reports broadcast by the media.

"She doesn't watch the news and doesn't want to know anything," says Rusaw. "I try not to get too involved in all of it but I know that he's been in a couple of situations where there could be an element of danger."

To show their appreciation for the work that Christopher and other troops like him are doing, students at both Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary Schools have been working on letters that will be included inside of care packages. School staff have also assisted Rusaw with the project.

"I have collected the food myself and staff members have contributed magazines to the packages. It's a communal effort," laughs Rusaw. "We've got everything from Motor Trend to Sports Illustrated and even a few People magazines. The soldiers really look forward to anything they can read and eat. They especially love beef jerky. It seems to be the troops' favourite treat!" ■



Remembrance Day Ceremonies

Branch #129 – Haliburton – 457-2571

November 11, 2008

10 am – Church Service – Haliburton Legion
10:30 – 10:45 am – Parade from Legion to Cenotaph
11 am – Service at Cenotaph
5 pm – Social Time – Legion
6 pm – Dinner at Legion

Branch #441 – Kinmount – 488-3462

November 8, 2008

1 pm – Ceremony – Gelert Cemetery

November 9, 2008

9 am – Ceremony – Burnt River Cenotaph
11 am – Ceremony – Kinmount Cenotaph
Luncheon to follow at Legion Hall - Kinmount

November 11, 2008

11 am – Ceremony – Cenotaph - Kinmount
2 pm – Ceremony – Gooderham Cenotaph

Branch #636 – Minden – 286-5652

November 9th, 2008

2 pm – Parade – Municipal Parking Lot to Cairn (The Village Green, Main Street)
2:30 pm – Ceremony at Cairn
Reception to follow at Minden Legion on Hwy #35

Branch #624 – Wilberforce – 448-2221

November 11, 2008

10:55 am – Ceremony – Cenotaph

Branch #556 – Cardiff – 613-339-2232

November 11, 2008

11 am – Ceremony – Legion

True War Tales

Brian Hambly Tells it Likes it is to JDH Students

Students at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School learned about some of the harsh realities of war this past Tuesday when former marine engineer with the British Navy, Brian Hambly, paid them a visit.

Hambly spoke to Grade 6 and 7 French immersion students in Lorry Brandon's class about methods of fighting in World War I, equipment and weapons used, the construction of trenches, diseases suffered and death tolls.

Hambly was with the British Navy for 15 years. He is currently a Youth Education Officer with the Haliburton Legion who educates students about the war during this time each year. ■

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The Minden Community Business Association: "Dead in the Water"

Commentary by George Farrell

It's been quite a while since we heard any news of the Minden Community Business Association (MCBA) which was to replace the dormant Business Improvement Association (BIA). To refresh your memory the MCBA was the committee that was formed as a result of a meeting on August 28/07. It was formed so that the merchants of downtown Minden and the surrounding area could work hand in hand with the Municipality to the benefit of all merchants, and the community as a whole.

Judy Coward (OMAFRA) has been an important contributor of information as well as a facilitator in moving things towards a merchants association for Minden. At the Aug 28/07 meeting she discussed the support from Council and recommended that an interim committee be formed to work with the Township in preparing a by-law to establish a Board of Management for the MCBA. And so it was that an interim committee was formed. The interim committee consists of Minden area merchants, and a representative member of Council. Once the bylaw had been completed, the thinking went, a public meeting would be held, and once accepted by the majority of business owners, it would be forwarded to Council for their consideration. But the by-law was never prepared, and never submitted to Council. So what happened? Or, more precisely, what didn't happen?

Reeve Jim McMahon who has been at the forefront in trying to establish a merchant's association for Minden, said as far as he was concerned: "A Minden merchant's association was dead in the water. The reason for its failure is non-participation on behalf of store owners. It (a merchant's association) must be driven by merchants and not by Council. We (the Council) couldn't do any more than what we did."

Councilor Bill Obee is the council representative on the interim committee, and he feels that a merchant's association has not gone the way of the dodo quite yet. But his suggestion as to a phoenix-like rise from the proverbial ashes sounds like a sideways move.

"The committee is looking at the Haliburton BIA, the Chamber of Commerce and Minden merchants putting something together for a part time person to co-ordinate efforts. We're looking at seeing what funds are available." A previous application, seeking funding for the part time position was turned down, according to Mr. Obee. He also said that the committee is trying to put together a meeting with the very successful Huntsville merchants association. "We want to look into how they did it." In spite of these possibilities Mr. Obee said that "the responsibility lies with the merchants. The Municipality is willing to work with them and put monies into an association. He went on to say that Judy Coward is still on board in trying to organize a meeting with Huntsville for "sometime after Christmas."

But whatever way you want to spin this, the crux of the problem still lies with the Minden merchants. They just don't seem to get the fact that if they could only get together they would be met by the Municipality financially, and be eligible for government grants that would enable Minden to become a much more vibrant community. It's just good economics for any business to invest in its own community. By doing so Minden area merchants could significantly increase and upscale events and activities in and around the downtown core, to insure a greater traffic flow, which would translate to more dollars for merchants and the community as a whole.

As it is, there are precious few things happening on a regular basis in Minden to attract people to the down town core. The

Gull River, the major focal point of the town, is woefully underutilized, and as yet, Highway 35 business owners have not seen the advantage in making the town a destination point for tourists and Highland residents alike.

These problems and more were identified in a publication put out by members of the defunct Minden Merchants Revitalization and Steering Committees who worked for close to 2 years trying to get a business association off the ground. Using newly acquired information from a survey of business owners, and incorporating previous plans for downtown, the document succinctly outlined problems and effective, contemporary solutions. When the Steering Committee passed over the reigns to what was to become the MMBA, members were assured that their document would be referred to, and some ideas implemented. In fact the Haliburton County Development Corporation, which paid for development of the document, was willing to help fund any of the initiatives outlined in it. But the document gathers dust.

Meanwhile many merchants are crying the blues over another not-so-good "busy" season and some owners are perilously near to closing up shop. Yes, it's difficult when you're running a business to get out to a meeting, but if it means an increase in your bottom line, isn't it worth sending a representative to a meeting? When Deborah Lyons, of the storeroom was Chair of the Revitalization Steering Committee it looked as if she might champion

the cause on behalf of the merchants, but Deborah decided to put her efforts instead into the Festival of Banners, citing the reason for leaving the Steering committee "as just too much work." It is a lot of work to be sure, and someone should be paid to do it. It was determined when the Revitalization Committee document was being constructed, that for less than the price of a cup of coffee a day, merchants could afford to hire a person, (with proposed financial assistance from the Municipality), to do all the legwork for them. This would go a long way to insuring a successful merchant's association. The projected Haliburton BIA, Minden merchants, Chamber of Commerce joint venture now propose the same thing. Whatever the eventual shape of the organization, the Minden area merchants will still have to show up, and get on board. Yet the messages just don't seem to sink in. Or if they do, apathy is playing a bigger role.

But hold on, something's in the works. In a media release from The Township of Minden Hills on Oct 17, 2008; plans were revealed for a tender for a consultant to prepare Terms of Reference for a Master Plan, which will include discussion for the need of a merchant's association. A Master Plan? It's long overdue. But another discussion about the need for a merchant's association? It's been discussed to death. The survey showed that merchants actually want an association. So now it's time for action, or it really will be dead in the water. ■

Italy Comes Close to Home

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Holds 4th Annual Fundraiser to a Sold-Out Legion

Fine Italian cuisine was on the menu and the auction block was busy when over 200 people came out to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary's sold-out 'Taste of Italy' fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Haliburton Legion.

"Our proceeds were a bit less this year than they were last year," said Judy Skinner, President of the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary and Co-convenor of the event. Skinner believes that people were holding back a bit when spending due to the current state of the economy.

"We were still able to raise between \$6,500 and \$6,600, which is still very remarkable," she said.

Funds were raised through ticket sales as well as the auction that featured over 100 items donated from members of the community, and the delicious pasta dinner followed by dessert was prepared by members of the Auxiliary.

A Taste of Italy was started four years ago when the Auxiliary adopted the idea from a hospital in Bowmanville that ran a similar event.

"It's something that people like to come to. They're all supportive of local health services," said Skinner.

Currently, the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary is made up of 60 members. Skinner calls them a "very energetic group."

Since their inception in 1971, the group has managed to generate over \$800,000 for health services in Haliburton. Last year, they completed their \$85,000 commitment towards the purchase of a Picture Archiving and Communications System (PACS). Today, that is a substantial contribution in comparison to their first

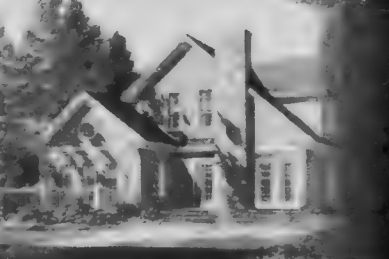
year when a blow dryer and electric razor was the extent of their donation.

With this latest fundraiser, the Auxiliary stood true to their motto that states: "Our purpose is to assist the hospital in fields of volunteer service which may be performed on or off the premises."

New members willing to volunteer their services with the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary are always welcome. For more information contact Judy Skinner at 705 457-2053.



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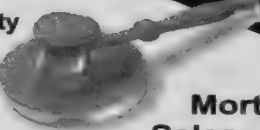
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Wrestling with the Problem of Cats

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

"I don't mind the neutering part; it is the release that I have a problem with."
(Betty Milford)

Despite best efforts, problems with cats in Haliburton County continue to plague municipal councils. Last week the Councils in both Highlands East and Minden Hills wrestled once more with the issue of stray and feral cats in their communities, and a ready solution is yet to be found.

In Highlands East.....

On Tuesday the Council in Highlands East received two letters from their Municipal Dog Pound Board about use of the PAWS Animal Shelter in Faraday. This shelter is a shared facility between Highlands East, Bancroft, Faraday and Wollaston. All of the other partners voiced concern about the use of the shelter to impound feral cats, most of which are being transported from Highlands East.

Brenda Vader, Secretary-Treasurer of the Municipal Dog Pound Board and CAO of Faraday Township reminded each of the Councils of the Board's original mandate which states that the animal shelter is for dogs only and not for the impounding of feral or domestic cats. She advised Council that the shelter will no longer receive cats.

Councillor Suzanne Partridge, who is a Board member, said, "Other member municipalities are fed up with cats. There is no proper quarantine area because the dogs must be in the same area as cats when they come out of quarantine."

The second piece of correspondence from the Board advised that the Board is considering the possibility of hiring a canine control officer whose services could be used jointly by all member municipalities. According to Partridge, the Board is thinking about combining the positions of canine control officer and pound keeper in the hopes of getting better value for their dollar, and attracting a qualified individual to a position that would offer more hours.

Partridge said, "This may be an opportunity to improve service and we'd like to explore the idea. At the present time all of the members are paying different rates to the same individual. Combining the responsibilities would control activities and regulate

fees."

Partridge also said that the Board has also suggested that it may be a good idea for all the member municipalities to have similar animal control by-laws. Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie asked Council to consider a licensing requirement for cats.

When trying to decide just what to do about the cats, Council gave some serious consideration to the Trap, Neuter & Release Program (TNR) for the first time. Partridge said, "We're already putting a lot of money into this one way or another, so we might as well investigate the cost of the program."

The problem is that even though the number of cats is restricted in each household, the question of what to do with them once caught remains. It also became apparent that the Highlands East by-law is no longer effective as they have no place to take the cats and other alternatives have proven to be extremely unpopular.

The County Voice did hear the words 'twenty-two' mentioned during a bit of a crossover discussion, and while it was only a comment made in passing, it certainly brings home the fact that the problem of cats does remain a bit of a catch 22 situation with no solution in sight.

And in Minden.....

On Thursday, the Minden Hills Council had a visit from Betty Milford. Milford, who has voiced concerns about cats in her neighbourhood several times, said she had been speaking with By-Law Enforcement Officer Ken Jones who advised her that the TNR program would not be in effect until 2009.

Milford said, "This begs the question, what are we to do until then. The cats are still there, digging holes, messing and killing birds." She referred to an Animal Planet article that suggests that cats are the most dangerous animals in the world as they kill anything that moves." According to Milford, the wetlands across from her home have been devastated by cats.

Milford believes that the TNR program will not likely fit the situation in Minden. She also said that feral cats are not the only problem in the community and that there is also a problem with domestic cats. "People are responsible for their children and dog owners for their dogs, so why aren't cat owners held responsible for their cats."

"It is remiss of the County not to have a shelter." (Cheryl Murdoch)

Milford voiced concern about taxpayers having to assume responsibility for the cost of neutering and then caring for cats. She also asked why the County doesn't have an animal shelter, adding that Haliburton County is one of the few Counties without a shelter. She accused County Council of procrastinating and failing to deal with the matter.

"I've been after this for the last two years," said Milford, and went on to talk about the ongoing odour and damage to property in her neighbourhood. "I don't mind the neutering part; it is the release that I have a problem with." She implored Council to take action and said, "I don't care about restricting the number of animals people have, it is a matter of keeping them in their own yard."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch agreed that the County should be responsible, saying that the subject had been broached in the past, but that County Council had failed to pick up the ball. "It is remiss of the County not to have a shelter."

Murdoch also said that in the old days sheltering animals could be done in simple surroundings, but now there are state of the art requirements. She said, "Why should there be a municipal shelter when one County shelter could be shared by all of the municipalities, both for cost and use."

Councillor Peter Oyler asked that Jones bring sample by-laws forward from other municipalities dealing with the problem of domestic cats. Councillor Barbara Reid agreed, saying that cats should be kept in the owners yards or on a lead and licensed.

Once again the matter became somewhat of a catch 22 situation given the fact that with the by-law comes the need for enforcement, the need for a pound and the resulting need for a County wide approach. However, agreeing that this would not happen any time soon, Council agreed that investigating a by-law and the requirement for licensing would be a positive step. There was general acceptance that if fines were in place it would start to get people's attention.

Council asked for a report in four weeks. ■

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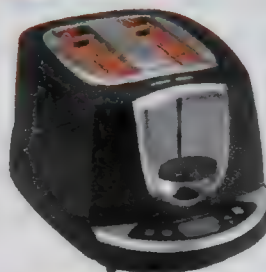
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Red Hawk Field Hockey a Compelling Story

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Coach Morissette Has a Special Spot for 08 Squad

Every once in a while a special team.

A team that sparks mid-season. A team that brings a work ethic devoid of personal acclaim. A team that truly puts the needs of the many over the interests of the few or the one. (An old Vulcan tenet delivered by Spock just before he cranked off into the sunset in a coffin aimed toward a new world.)

This year, a compelling Cinderella dance, artfully composed by the Haliburton High Senior Field Hockey team ended just shy of a goal, but that's not the real story.

The story is the team and not their bittersweet denouement on a field in Bancroft last Thursday afternoon.

Last Thursday the Red Hawk senior girls went beyond the ken, meeting North Hastings in a Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics (COSSA) showdown that well and truly went the distance. The game finished in a scoreless tie, went to two scoreless overtimes and was finally decided on penalty shots.

In the shootout five shooters from each team were picked. One shooter scored. That the winning and only goal of that protracted COSSA final was scored by a North Hastings player put a little bit of a damper on the day, but in truth, it was a game in which



there were no real losers. Just an outcome. Both teams left the field with heads held high.

"The better team won and our goalie played fantastic ... it was a great game," said Red Hawk coach Paul Morissette. "They fought and they scraped and they pushed themselves to the limit."

He also said something rather compelling. He said that he was very proud to be associated with such a selfless group of players and added that it was probably one of the most inspiring teams that he has coached, and he's coached a few.

We tend to forget what coaching is all about, surrounded as we are by the nuance of professional sport, where coaches are 'win at all cost' junkies capitulating to the demands of the marketplace. We tend to forget that coach is a synonym for mentor and that the word mentor goes to the Greek root, to teach.

Red Hawk Field Hockey coach Paul Morissette has been coaching for a while, teaching for a while. Over two decades on the field, at the rink, and in the gym. He took up coaching duties with the senior girls field hockey team several years ago, knowing little about the sport. He learned on the fly.

He found out quickly that Haliburton High has a long and proud history on the field hockey pitch. He said that this year, he and his team went into the season with some realistic notions.

that we were a long shot to make the Kawartha playoffs," said Morissette. Then something happened. "About halfway through the season you could really see some things happening and see the team was starting to gel," said Morissette. Inexplicably, the young team, bolstered by an incoming crop of junior players, began to play well above expectations. They finished the season with a 3-2-1 record and that fourth place finish qualified them for the playoffs.

"Our new goal was to make it out of the Kawartha playoffs and into COSSA," said Morissette. Easier said than done with prepossessing powers like Crestwood and Holy Cross standing between them and a berth at COSSA. Forced to play three games in four hours the senior team brought up some junior team recruits to shoulder some of the burden. Morissette gave DAP (due appreciation) to new junior coach and HHSS field hockey legend Caley Sisson for her input into the mélange.

The Hawks won their opening game 2-0 against Peterborough Collegiate with goals by Ferracutti and Meagan Macduff. They rested a lot of their starters in the middle game against Crestwood, losing a close contest. The strategy percolated in the third game as they a 1-0 loss on highly favored St Peter's. Jillian Mayhew scored the lone goal and goalie Caitlin Hunter notched her 2nd shutout of the day.

That led to a rematch versus Holy Cross in the COSSA play-downs in Bancroft last Thursday. "We won that game 2-1 and there was no luck involved at all," said Morissette. "We clearly outplayed them."

Of course that set up the exciting twin overtime shootout final versus North Hastings.

For Morissette it's a season that will stay with him. Not for the wins and the losses, but for the overall experience.

"I've been coaching a long time, and it's rare to see a special team coming together like this team did," said Morissette.

He said that the most poignant moment came just before heading into overtime against North Hastings.

"All of a sudden the team spontaneously locked arms and held hands and you could sense the togetherness," said Morissette. "At times like that you realize that sports is a metaphor for life."

"Chemistry made this a team of overachievers and it was wonderful to get a chance to watch it come together ... to see the girls grow together."

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Hodgson and Duchene Named to OHL Tournament Squad

Cody Hodgson, Matt Duchene and Evgeny Grachev are Brampton Battalion teammates. They will also be playing on both sides of the Canada-Russia Hockey Challenge, scheduled for Guelph on Nov. 20 and St. Catharines on Nov. 24. Both games will be televised on Rogers Sportsnet.

Hodgson, a long time Haliburton-area cottager, and Duchene, a Haliburton resident, are on the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) roster of 30 players. Grachev, who had a pre-season look-see with the New York Rangers before joining the Battalion this season, will play for the Russians.

Both Duchene and Hodgson will be using the twin bill of games as a possible springboard for selection to the Canadian National Junior team.

"It's part of the process, and it's great to be able to play in these games," said Hodgson, who attended the Canadian national junior team's summer development camp at Ottawa in July. Hodgson is guaranteed a spot at the Junior National training camp slated for early December.

The World Junior Championships are happening in Ottawa from December 26 to January 5. Both Hodgson and Duchene have a legitimate shot at making the team.

Duchene should be on some scout's short list for the upcoming National Team tryout camp, but knows that he'll have to show up with a vengeance at the Canada-Russia junior series to be considered for a spot on the training camp roster.

"This is unbelievable," said Duchene - via the Battalion website - who captained the Canadian under-18 entry that won the Ivan Hlinka memorial tournament held in the Czech Republic and Slovakia in August. "I was really hoping to get named to this team. It's a step towards making the Canadian junior team, and that's something every Canadian kid wants to do. I know I have to keep working hard, and it's a good sign that I've been invited. It should be a great experience to play with that kind of high-end talent."

Duchene leads all Troop scorers with 8 goals and 10 assists in 16 games, while Hodgson is the second leading scorer with 7 goals and 6 assists in nine games this season. Hodgson has regained his deft scoring touch since returning from a prolonged stint at the Vancouver Canucks training camp earlier in the season.

Hodgson, like Duchene does not underplay the importance of this selection to the OHL roster. "I need to make a good impression in both of those games," said Hodgson, who resides in Markham. "The tournament (Junior Worlds) is a huge thing, and there's lots of pressure to win, especially when it's in Canada like it is this year."

The Battalion are currently atop the OHL's Central Division with a record of 10-6. ■

River Kings Win One Drop Two Last Week

Come Out Flat Against Shield on Sunday

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

River Kings' number one goaltender Rob Sutherland was forced to take the weekend off due to illness. The team bus broke down on a road trip Saturday night forcing a very late 10:30 pm start to Minden's evening tilt against Ontario Lightning Rams. The River Kings, as a result of that late start (Minden beat the Rams 9-6) didn't make it home from that road trip until 3:30 am Sunday morning. Sunday night, the Kings, suited up against the South Muskoka Shield who, at 13-2-1, are arguably the best team in the Greater Metro Hockey League (GMHL). The Shield pack a punch verified by their league leading 126-61 bulge in goals for and against.

Which is not to say that these are legitimate excuses for the lackluster effort rendered last Sunday against the prepossessing Shield team, who came rocket-equipped to make a statement, a statement issued, declared, co-signed, and stamped to the tune of a 12-3 shellacking in front of a sparse crowd at SG Nesbitt Arena last Sunday night. These two teams last met on



September 13th at Gravenhurst, and the Kings earned a point in a 6-5 shoot out loss. The Muskoka team has improved, evident by their stellar two-way play and their total domination on both ends of the ice last Sunday.

They are well-rounded, well-coached and backed up by some pretty solid goaltending. They will figure large as the season melts down to playoff schema. The River Kings will have to find a way to melt into contention this coming week, if they wish to rebound and recover from that disheartening and convincing loss last Sunday.

The Shield played a disciplined game, and if there can be a lesson garnered here, they thrive on a well-managed and well-behaved persona. In fact, the game last Sunday was a contest devoid of the chippiness and extended post-whistle shoving matches that fans have come to expect in a GMHL contest. And so, in spite of the score, it was an enjoyable night of hockey with some great end-to-end skating. Not so enjoyable for the Minden faithful, but a nice game of hockey. And to be fair, Minden just did not seem to have their heads in the contest from the first face off, and whether that was due to the late night bus malfunction and the early morning return is a job for the brain trust to decipher.

One guy in that brain trust is pretty darn sure that he won't be accepting motorway problems as a scapegoat for the lopsided loss.

Head coach Mike Jeschke said that there was absolutely no excuse for the losing so big to this team. He dismissed any notion that this could be laid at the doorstep of backup goalie Andrew Selbie (who was replaced by Robert Randles midway through the third) or on the lingering effects of a late start the night before.

"None of that mattered, and next weekend we've got to play three games in three nights, so we can't blame this on two games in two nights and a late start," said Jeschke. "We need a lot of players to play a lot better. There's no excuse for the way we played out there tonight."

Jeschke said that he and assistant coach Brooks Robinson would be instilling that slice of knowledge into the collective noggins of the River Kings players this week at practice.

"It looked, from the drop of the puck tonight that these guys were not into it," added Jeschke. "From that first face off until we finally started to play in the third period long after this game was out of reach, these guys were not playing like we know they can." He also mentioned that it looked at times as if his players were playing in slow motion.

The Shield jumped into a 4-0 first period lead before David Igarashi finally stopped the bleeding with a goal early in the second period. Two minutes later the Shield extended the cushion with a goal of their own. Thomas Falardeau scored another goal for the Kings in the middle frame, but the Shield still took a 6-2 lead into the second period intermission.

The Shield's fifth and sixth goals in the second frame both came of two man advantage power plays, and penalties have been and remain to this day the backbreaker for the Kings. Even in a game relatively devoid of penalties – the Kings too 8 minors and a misconduct while the Shield took just 6 minors – the Kings seem to have a capacity for bunching up their crimes and misdemeanors in ways which maximize the opposition's chances. Brett Meyers

scored in the third after missing on a few breakaway chances and hitting another two posts in the game. Captain Toby Kathan and Briar Hill each had two assists while Tyler Crego added a single helper. Crego left the game with an as yet undisclosed injury in the third period.

Chad Meagher led all scorers with 3 goals and 3 assists and Ricky Greenslade scored three goals and an assist for South Muskoka. Troy Storm notched a pair while Dylan Sontag, Derek Rodgers, and Travis Saltz all scored single tallies for the Shield.

Jeschke was a lot more upbeat after Saturday's win against the Ontario Lightning Rams from Thornhill.

The River Kings, in winning that 9-6 Saturday night tilt, also had the pleasure of chasing former Kings net minder, artful dodger, and troublemaker Jeremy Schaefer from the vicinity of the Lightning Rams' crease after a 7-goal, nine minute first period barrage, somewhat reminiscent, said team insiders, of the siege of Sevastopol.

Schaefer was mightily unimpressed about his stint here in Minden earlier in the season and he had been doing some chirping prior to last Saturday's game. "We heard some things and we knew how he felt about us," smiled Jeschke last Sunday. Schaefer was also bragging that he would be playing kitty bar the door on his former teammates, none of whom remain very impressed by the Florida whiz kid.

Schaefer is perhaps most remembered for a meltdown earlier in the season. After being pulled from a contest by Jeschke, Schaefer went to the dressing room, changed and then made a long and memorable phone call in the cafeteria area while his teammates were still on the ice finishing the game. The phone call was punctuated by some flowery and Billy Martin-esque usage of the f-bomb as adjective, adverb, noun and possessive, a transgression that got him barred from the concession area and the rink for the remainder of the evening. He could be overheard by team officials and a number of fans making disparaging remarks about Minden, the team and the ownership. Dear Abby and Dale Carnegie will tell you that this is not a great way to win friends or influence people.

He stayed on for a week after that, but that coincided with the Kings pick-up of Rob Sutherland, a late goaltending cut from the Quebec major Junior ranks. The writing was on the wall and Schaefer left town in a hurry, followed by the telltale trail from the smoking gun.

Apparently Schaefer did not go quiet into that long dark night on Saturday evening, instead reserving some choice spunk, vitriol and quirky Florida epithets for the Minden players and coaching staff as he was leaving the ice, presumably in search of his cell phone and a speed dial twirl to Disney World.

Jeschke said that the revenge factor aside, it was a pretty nice performance from his team, which did have to contend with spending four-plus hours on the side of the road attending to their broken bus. Selbie played well filling in for the flu-ridden Sutherland and earning the win.

Meyers scored three times and added three assists while Kathan scored two goals and three assist in the game. Crego also played a great game and finally notched a goal of his own. Crego was one of the brighter lights in the game on Sunday as well. Hopefully the injury will not keep the scrappy forward out of the mix this coming weekend which features games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Last Tuesday (Oct 28) at Minden the Kings dropped a close 7-4 decision to the Brock Bucks. The teams were tied at one after one but the Bucks increased their lead to 4-2 heading into the second intermission.

The Kings hung on gamely in the third outplaying the Bucks and drawing to within two goals with some inspired play in the late going.

With two minutes remaining and the Kings down 6-4 coach Robinson – who was behind the bench as Jeschke was serving out the final game of a three game suspension – pulled Sutherland in favor of the sixth attacker. Three great saves by starting goaltender Brent Gleason and a zinger off the crossbar

saved the Bucks bacon in a very exciting 90 second Kings' flurry. The Bucks went on crank an empty netter with just 30 seconds remaining to seal the deal.

Meyers scored twice, while Kathan and Briar Hill added singles for the Kings. Falardeau added three assists for Minden and Gleason had to get the nod as la premiere etoille for his stellar efforts in nets for the visiting Bucks. Peter Zimny replied with a pair and an assist, including the empty netter to lead the Bucks. Overtime Notes: Kings added Australian product Tom Lepski this past week. He was obtained in a trade for future considerations from the Bucks. On Friday the Kings travel to Deseronto to play the Storm; On Saturday (Nov 8) they are on the road at Brock and on Sunday they host Espanola at 6 pm at the Nesbitt Barn. ■

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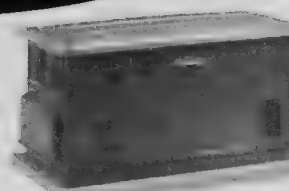
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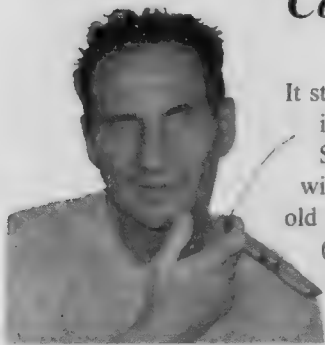
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Young Warriors Getting the Wrong Message from Pro Athletes

Concussions a Growing Cause of Real Concern as Collisions Mount

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor



It struck home with muffled finality a few weeks ago at Minden's SG Nesbitt Arena. I watched with interest as a young 18-year-old Greater Metro Hockey League (GMHL) player struggled to find focus in the concession area.

His hair was mussed, his pupils were partially dilated and he was staring out onto the rink through the glass partition with that familiar "thousand mile stare."

I remember looking over as my mind ticked over that familiar time-honored refrain: "Lights are on but no one's home."

I found myself shaking my head, because this young player was being attended to by the team trainer who was doing all the right things, talking constantly, making sure he had some semblance of verbal connection ... and through it all she kept looking into those eyes. Those eyes, glazed and starkly devoid of sparkle.

He was nodding, feigning comprehension, but I recognized immediately the telltale signs of the concussed mind. He had left the game after a jarring hit against the boards, a hit that forced his helmeted noggin into a side rail holding the glass in place. He was out cold for a time, but had left the ice under his own steam. He was refusing a trip to the emergency room, wanting instead to remain outside the dressing room, dressed in civvies and watching his team finish off the third period.

"I'll get it looked at when we get home," was what he said to the concerned trainer, who was far more worried than this kid could ever be. The trainer had done some homework. She knew that concussions should no longer be categorized as just another outcome of playing the game. I saw comprehension in the trainer's eyes. It was there in her concern and there in the steps she took to continue to monitor the kid with the faraway eyes.

We have words for this type of injury and they are almost always hilariously pejorative in nature. "Oh wow, what a hit, he's out on his feet ... he's on queer street ... dead man walking, addled, bashed, slaphappy, punch drunk, glass-eyed, punchy, screwy, unglued, unscrewed and discombobulated."

We treat concussion with brazen alacrity, almost as if a severe trauma to the brain was an afterthought, a mere twitter in the noggin's harmonic melody.

We are collectively whistling past the graveyard. A hit on a young Sutter, uncluttered as it was by judgement or a cognizant realization that in pursuing fame via some gunslinger's code, we are endangering a young career. And as we glorify anarchy we are also delivering a message to fragile and naïve young minds, that cheap shots are okay as long as they fall within some loosely defined parameter of "clean hit" as defined and qualified by a sycophantic retinue of butterball mavens who pass subjective judgements on career-threatening hits from the luxury of their collective Lazy Boys.

The result? We are outfitting our young athletes with gear and helmets meant for mayhem. We tell our young children, "wear a helmet before going out on your bike ... Wear a helmet for hockey, wear a helmet when roller blading, wear a helmet before stepping onto the ice ... don't forget your helmet dear ... Mary, if you're going to jump off the garage again,

for gods sake wear a helmet, please darling ... better safe than sorry."

Here's what we don't tell our kids.

"By the way Johnny, when you take that 20 foot drop on your Norco All Terrain bike onto a forest floor laced liberally with loosely strung out boulders, try not to fall on your head ... because you know what Johnny ... the helmet may save your life but it's not going to stop a firestorm of misfiring neurons to shake rattle and roll your synaptic strands from one end of your ga-nooked noggin to the other."

Parts of Johnny's brain that were never meant to come into contact with the other parts of Johnny's brain do just that when Johnny falls on his head. It's called a concussion and it's very bad news. It's not just bad news the 10th time it happens. And it's not only bad on say the fifth jabba-the-hut crank to the melon. It's bad the first time it happens and it gets worse as we continue to abuse that very fragile set of firing neurons set so delicately inside that thin layer of protective jelly.

We have created a monster. Pro athletes get bigger and stronger. They need larger pads, better protection and better helmets. We think nothing of passing down that new Robo-Cop body armor, initially designed for 6'4" professional gladiators who are paid \$2 million large to engage in loosely controlled pandemonium, to 14-year-old kids who immediately develop a Clark Kent complex. The result? Young kids who feel remarkably invulnerable emulating their professional idols through the chock-a-block adoption of violent helmet-to-helmet collisions. Or skateboarders and snowboarders who don a helmet just prior to an unpracticed and unprecedented launch into a twisting 1020 rodeo into blank space.

Don't believe it? I've seen it. On the ski hill, in the skate board park, in the rink and on the field.

A recent article in the New York Times outlined a new program currently being trotted out to delve into the serious repercussions of concussion.

Former NFL linebacker Isaiah Kacyvenski quickly agreed when his ex-teammate at Harvard asked if he would donate his brain after death for research into concussions. Kacyvenski, 30, suffered numerous concussions and is one of 16 pro athletes, including six former NFL players, who have agreed to donate their brains to the new Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy, a joint program between the Boston University School of Medicine and Sports Legacy Institute (SLI).

SLI founder Chris Nowinski played with Kacyvenski at Harvard in the late 1970s before becoming a pro wrestler and is seeking athletes willing to donate their brains. "Our

goal is for people to start taking concussions seriously," Nowinski said. "That means getting off the field when they receive them and finding ways to prevent them."

Other former NFL players who have agreed to donate their brains after their deaths are Ted Johnson, Frank Wycheck, Ben Lynch, Bernie Parrish and Bruce Laird. Johnson said he's only trying to deliver a message to teams, coaches and doctors. The message that concussions have serious and lasting implications down the road.

"I'm not being vindictive. I'm not trying to reach up from the grave and get the NFL,"

Johnson, a former New England Patriots linebacker, told the New York Times recently.

"But any doctor who doesn't connect concussions with long-term effects should be ashamed of themselves."

The 35-year-old's neurologist has pointed to Johnson's multiple concussions between 2002-05 as a cause of his permanent and degenerative problems with memory and depression, the Times reported.

The Boston University School of Medicine has studied the brain of John Grimsley, a former linebacker for the Houston Oilers, who died last February at age 45 from a gunshot wound.

His brain showed similarities to that of an 80-year-old boxer who had dementia for 20 years, said Dr. Robert Stern, co-director of the BU School of Medicine Alzheimer's Disease Clinical and Research Program.

Here's what I hope we learn from this study. The brain is a delicate mechanism. We treat sprained ankles with more sincerity and understanding than we treat similar severe trauma to the brain. And that's at all levels.

Here's what we have learned recently about concussions. One force 10 nubble to the noggin should be treated with due diligence. Troy Polamalu a Pittsburgh Steeler linebacker making \$3.1 million a year suffered a concussion two weeks ago and decided against doctor's advice to play again last weekend.

He considers that the mark of a warrior. Polamalu said that anyone who refused to play with a concussion was a pansy and didn't deserve to play in the NFL.

Plain and simple it's the wrong message to be sending to kids. I watched that game and saw Polamalu engage in three separate helmet-to-helmet cranks.

Maybe former linebacker and Chicago Bears coach Mike Ditka was on the right track when he last week came out with his plan to remove helmet-to-helmet contact from the game.

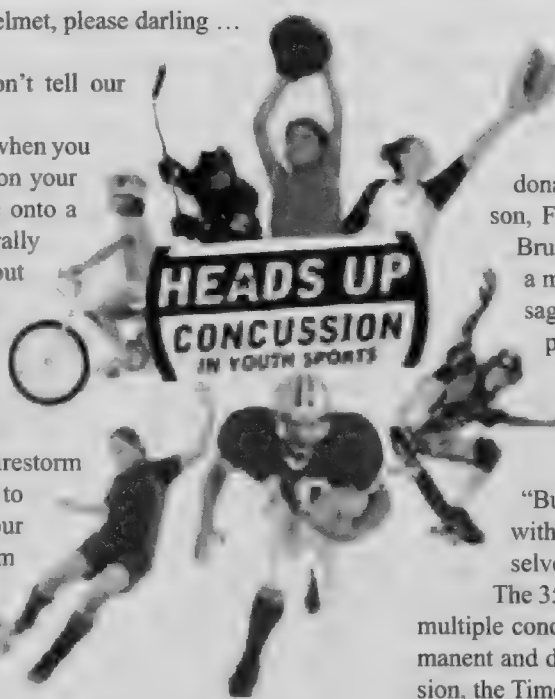
"Give 'em the helmets but take away the cages," said from Mike.

Next time you chuckle over a cheap shot from behind at your local arena or witness yet another jarring cheap shot courtesy of that long line of NHL enforcers do me a favor please.

Go onto YouTube and google Mohammed Ali circa 2005 to present. He doesn't make many personal appearances these days. His handlers will tell you it's all on the Parkinsons and that none of his current woes can be attributed to abuse he suffered during his latter years of his pro boxing career.

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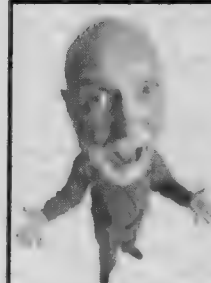


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Racers to Push the Envelope at This Year's Oval Ice Racing Event

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



High-speed oval ice racers will be pushing the limits once again when the second annual Highland Cup returns to Head Lake on March 8-9.

That announcement was recently made by Harold Foyster, Organizer of The Highland Cup – an event that brought out some of the finest snowmobile racers from across North America to Haliburton last March for one weekend.

This year's second annual event will be based around the same concept, but with a few noticeable changes.

"The track will be moved over to Rotary Beach, there will be more parking for the drivers and the facility will be bigger," said Foyster in an interview with The Voice. The moving of the track will create more

points of entry and exit for participants.

A larger track will also add to the intensity of all the adrenaline-fuelled, high speed action.

"It will be close to half a mile instead of three-eighths of a mile," he said.

To prohibit people from watching races from the sidewalk for free, higher fencing will also be installed.

The highlight of last year's event came when Jacques Villeneuve (uncle to the 1997 F1 world champion, also named Jacques) effortlessly won the title for being the first Highland Cup Champion. Foyster is happy to say that Villeneuve will be back again in Haliburton as a participant.

Like last year, another opportunity to browse some vintage sleds will be made available to the public courtesy of The Antique and Classic Snowmobile Club of Canada.

"We'll have a huge turnout of their members from all over the place," said Foyster.

Since the Highland Cup is a weekend-long event, Foyster says that participants will be spending their nights at local accommodations.

"The Delta Pinestone will be hosting the drivers and the VIP's. Last year, they had close to 90 rooms filled," he said, while adding that most places to stay at were solidly booked. "In Haliburton County, there was no place to stay. We had to send people to Bracebridge and Huntsville."

According to Foyster, the economic benefits of last years' inaugural races were significant.

"It was excellent. I would say it brought in a couple of hundred thousand dollars to Haliburton County," he said. "This brings a lot of tourists to the area."

Though last year's event ran fairly smoothly, leftover debris that remained on the ice for a couple of weeks - because they were frozen in place - caused a stir. This year, Foyster says he has planned ahead to ensure immediate clean-up of the site.

"We're going to remove everything on Sunday night; we're not going to be taking any chances." To help crews see at night, CRS Contractors will provide them with lighting.

Preparations for this year's Highland Cup are already underway, says Foyster.

"This takes hours and weeks of preparation," he said. "It takes two-and-a-half months to get the track ready."

Since this is such a large undertaking, Foyster is looking for the help of volunteers.

"We need a few dedicated volunteers who will help out starting after Christmas for about 15 hours a week."

In Foyster's opinion, even those who don't follow oval ice racing will be entertained.

"It's like watching Nascar on ice," he explained.

In an interview with The Voice, Dysart et al Reeve Murray said he endorses Foyster's event.

"I look forward to it being bigger and better," said Fearrey.

For more information about this year's Highland Cup, including ticket prices, visit www.the-highlandcup.com or to inquire about volunteering call Harold Foyster at 705 457-2278. ■



Ducks Unlimited Dinner

Auctioneer Jim Nelson kept the packed house bidding at the 15th Annual Ducks Unlimited fund-raising dinner held Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Haliburton Legion. The Haliburton Chapter of Ducks Unlimited sponsors the yearly event and it once again drew a huge crowd of local hunters. Proceeds from the event are dedicated to Ducks Unlimited projects which include

wetlands preservation and reclamation. This year's featured artist was Charles O'Neil who works out of Bent Offerings Studio in the Haliburton Highlands. This year the Haliburton Chapter will be writing a cheque close to \$20,000.



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Bill Lishman's Sculpture Has Everyone Looking 'Kennisis' Piece from Large, Expo '87 Creation Now in Haliburton

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Bill Lishman is a world-renowned artist, sculptor, filmmaker and creator of many other magical things. Now, one of his most well-known metal works – which is impossible to miss – stands adjacent to the main entrance of the Sir Sandford Fleming College campus in Haliburton.

Last Saturday, a grand unveiling of the recently installed sculpture entitled 'Horse and Rider (Kennisis)' was held for the community. Though the heavy downpour outside made people look for cover, it didn't dampen the mood on the memorable moment.

Lishman, who lives in Port Perry, made an appearance for the removal of the blue tarp from his radiant blue creation that depicts a figure leaning over the side of a horse that appears to be on the run. The horse is just one piece of what was an 86-foot tall central theme sculpture that he made for the '86 Expo in Vancouver.

The piece is now a tribute to the racing stable founded by the late Don Finn and his partner Gary Vasey, and a horse of the same name.

Janis Parker, Dysart et al councillor, purchased the eye-catching piece from Lishman and donated it to the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

"I did it because my good friend, Barb Bolin, was saying that this was the first year that there hadn't been a new sculpture added to the sculpture forest," said Parker in an interview with The Voice.

Parker first became acquainted with Lishman through some of her long-distance excursions.

"I travel with a group called Adventure Canada. I've been on several trips with Bill but when we were in New Zealand I realized what a great sculptor he was and that was when I started thinking of a way to get one of his sculptures up here."

Over 60 people attended the unveiling and heard from a few individuals who were significantly touched by the installation of the sculpture.

"People come to the Haliburton Sculpture Forest for all different reasons," explained Barb Bolin, Chair of the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and former Principal of the Haliburton college campus.

"People come for a stroll, some people come for a bike ride, some come for a ski...and for the artists this is a pleasant backdrop."

Bolin added that the installation of Lishman's piece will not only enhance the Haliburton Sculpture Forest and the campus property, but its addition will forever be recognized in the community.

"This is a magic piece," she said. "You can't walk by it without feeling emotion...and you get a sense that makes it feel as if someone else is here with you."

Sandra Dupret, current Principal at Fleming College, Haliburton campus, spoke of how grateful the staff at the school feels to be greeted by the sculpture everyday – while on their way to work.

"The college is really honoured to have this work here," said Dupret to those in attendance. "I'd like

to thank Bill Lishman, who is an amazing artist and Janis Parker for making today possible."

Dupret also applauded the partnership between the college and the Haliburton Sculpture Forest.

"If we didn't work together, we wouldn't have an opportunity like this. It's a real testament to what happens when groups work together."

Jim Blake, Curator of the Haliburton Sculpture

Forest, also spoke to The Voice about how appreciative he and his committee members are for the recent addition from Lishman.

"It's quite phenomenal," said Blake. "Bill has a great reputation and it's nice that the sculpture has the Kennisis connection as well as a connection to Don Finn and Gary Vasey with the riding stables."

As for choosing the location to place the sculpture, Blake says that the final decision was made after a group consultation was held.

"The Haliburton Forest Sculpture Forest Committee talked about different places and walked around with the donor, the art-



ist, and spoke with the Principal Sandra Dupret."

After finding shelter from the rain, a large portion of the spectators joined Lishman for an enthralling artist talk where he exhibited photos of elaborate blacksmithing projects he's worked on in the past.

In addition to creating some of the most intricate and visually captivating pieces of artwork out of steel and other materials, Lishman felt what it was like to really get into the spotlight in 1988. It was then that he became one of the pioneers of ultra-flight in Canada, achieving a claim to fame as the first human to lead birds in formation in a compact, one-person aircraft.

In 1993, he led the first experimental migration of geese from Ontario to Virginia, which was documented by ABC's 20/20.

"It started out as a way of getting up close to bird in flight," said Lishman when asked about the zany adventure. "It evolved over time," he said.

Lishman lives in Port Perry with his wife Paula in an architecturally, innovative underground dome-shaped house that he designed.

As it turns out, Paula herself is connected to the vibrant arts community in the County, as an instructor in knitting with fur at Fleming.

Some of her work is available for purchase in Jan Knits Studio on Highland St. in Haliburton.

Parker selected the 'Kennisis' sculpture as the "one" because she saw it as the appropriate piece to honour the two local families.

"When I first saw the horse, it was obvious that it was a person racing. How perfect I thought," she explained. "Horse racing was a passion for these two Haliburton families. In recognition of the Finn and Vasey families, I would like to dedicate this Lishman sculpture to them."

As for why it has been given the name 'Kennisis', Parker explained: "We're calling it Kennisis because it was their most successful race horse, and it's also the lake I grew up on," she said with a chuckle.

For more information about the Haliburton Sculpture Forest, visit www.haliburtonsculptureforest.ca.

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Arts Exposed- A Cultural Affair



Tammy Rea displays a prize for artist's Judy Breau and Rickie Woods

artists and supporters met at the Minden Community Centre to imbibe in the almost ritualistic homage to the arts community, through the spirit of Bacchus, and 'A Midsummer's Night Dream' ribaldry. Bacchus was met by a 'Shakespearean' Shawn Chamberlain of the Grill on the Gull, and between them they put on a feast for the ages. Before, during, and after dinner, the well-wined, and well-dined revelers meandered to the silent auction tables which were covered with donations from local artists.

After a humorous introduction by Michael Fay, Chair, of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation, the evening was officially underway. Michael handed over proceedings to host Jack Brezina, who this year was capably assisted in displaying the live and loonie auction pieces by the filmmaker Tammy Rea, playing 'Vanna White' to his 'Pat Sejak'. The idea of course is to raise as much money as possible by bidding on the various pieces of art on display.

There were certainly some fantastic pieces to be had, and although it appeared on the face of it that this year bidding was generally down, it only meant that there were some wonderful bargains. Works from live auction contributing artists such as Judy Breau, Gary Chapman, Carole Finn, Tom Green, John Lennard, John Leonard, Rose Pearson and emerging talent Noelia Marziali were obtained for well below their market value.



Michael Fay congratulates Door Prize winner Kay Millard

program. Last year's winner, yours truly, used the money towards purchases of works by John Lennard and Gary Chapman. This year the winner was a Writer Kay Millard, who as of this writing was still undecided as to which artist to purchase from. Still another winner was Tammy Rea, who won the Donar Award Prize, a \$250 gift certificate at Grill on the Gull.

In keeping with the slightly saucy atmosphere the event has become known for, last year the committee decided upon an additional fund-raiser; a calendar featuring local artists in various stages of undress. It's very tastefully undone, er done, and no more revealing than Carole Moffatt's décolletage. You'll have to purchase the calendar yourself to see more of our artists exposed, but you may be surprised by who's in it. Here's a hint; a faun-like Jim, and a bountiful Barb are surprisingly, and in Jim's case, hilariously, uncovered.

Like last year, the artists were photographed for the calendar by Elizabeth Jones, who's "been a friend of Jack's (Brezina) since '69 when we met as backpackers at a youth hostel in Rome."

Elizabeth who works out of the county said that "it's easier taking your clothes off in front of

somebody who isn't local. Hopefully I managed to put people at ease. It takes a lot of courage, and the temperature was very cool." This year due to inclement weather during the summer months, shooting was pushed back to the end of September and the beginning of October. So purchase a calendar and start counting goose bumps.

The calendars are available at Whispers North and the Minden Hills Cultural Centre in Minden. A Haliburton distribution point has yet to be determined.

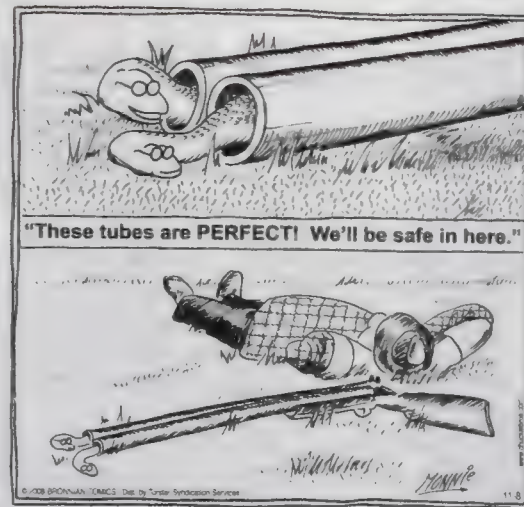
The evening wound down to general comments of another entertaining and fun evening, and all those volunteers and contributors who made it so are commended for their many hours of hard work dedicated to the continuation of excellence in the arts. ■

George Farrell
Staff Reporter

Arts Exposed is an annual fund-raiser in support of the Arts in Minden. It is organized by a hard-working, artist-driven board which has a strong commitment to supporting young and emerging artists. The event is sponsored by the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation.

But more than contributing to the art scene in Minden, the event is a gathering of souls much in need of a party after the busy summer/fall season of shows, tours and exhibitions. "It's like old home week," said Carol Moffatt. "It's a chance to see people you haven't seen all summer, eat some great local food and support the arts."

This is Arts Exposed' fifth year in operation, and on the evening of Saturday October 24 over 150



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Jack Brezina calls out a winner

Clearing the Air in Highlands East Medical Centre to Re-open in Wilberforce

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

It will be back to business as usual at the Medical Center in Wilberforce, but not without a bit of a hitch. Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton met with Dr. Bob Heyes from the Haliburton Family Medical Centre and Heyes has confirmed that services will resume after a brief delay. Given the short notice that the health team received they have booked their schedule in November at other locations.

Burton offered his deepest apologies for Council's hasty decision and for the inconvenience that the decision may have caused the health team. Burton also said that he has expressed his desire to work towards continuity of medical services in the community. In return, Heyes has advised that he will continue his services in Wilberforce and work with the other doctors to confirm that they too are willing to return. In the interim they have made alternate bookings and according to Burton it may be as long as January before services are back to normal in the community.

During the last few weeks, the cost to maintain what the Highlands East Council felt was an underutilized building has been cited as one of the primary reasons for their decision to give the Haliburton Family Medical Centre (HFMC) the boot. Burton confirmed in an interview with the Voice last Thursday that the Medical Center does pay monthly rent on the building. "Although it's not a great amount, it does help over the long term to cover costs," he said.

The fact that the HFMC were renting the building and in turn booking the building out for other clinics was part of the problem in the first place. According to Highlands East CAO Sharon Stoughton-Craig, with all of the bookings being made by the doctors and rentals going through the Medical Center, the Municipality did not get a clear picture of who was actually using the building.

According to Burton and Council, when they asked for information on the frequency of use of the building, Council received statistics for last year. This didn't help them when they were trying to determine the use of the building over the past few months.

There is an underlying issue that Burton wants to see dealt with and that is the under serviced designation that Highlands East would like to seek. It is ironic that when Council had done everything they could to seek the designation which should result in an opportunity for enhanced services, they fumbled the ball just long enough to jeopardize the opportunity and lose medical services in Wilberforce entirely.

According to Burton the initial request for this designation was made through the HFMC almost two years ago, but the application had still not been submitted to the Province. Given the eviction notice, Council was given the indication that the under serviced designation application would be withdrawn.

According to Councillor Suzanne Partridge, Council has gone through with the necessary requirements in the form of a survey and receiving support from within the Municipality some time ago. At their meeting earlier in the week Council held a brief discussion about being prepared to have to follow through and try to achieve this designation on their own.

This is a goal that Burton says he and Council will continue to work towards while trying to do everything they can to see continuity of medical services to the greatest extent possible from this point forward. ■

Examining All Kinds of Alternative Forms of Energy

Those interested in alternative methods of generating power found their oasis at the first Energy and Heating Solutions Symposium held at Sir Sanford Fleming College in October.

Hosted by the Haliburton Stewardship Council and the Kinark Outdoor Centre, the event covered a variety of topics aimed at the average homeowner interested in applying sustainable technologies in their own homes.

"It all went pretty smoothly," said Lindsay Christie of the Kinark Outdoor Centre. "We had about 22 people who pre-registered for the event and others who showed up at the door. So there were about 35-40 people."

In addition to the several booths set-up by exhibitors that featured literature and real-life displays of energy systems, four guest speakers conducted workshops throughout the day. Topics discussed included: solar power and hot water heaters, energy rebates, geo thermal energy and wood heating.

A panel of homeowners who have installed sustainable technologies in their own homes took centre stage for the feature of the day. The panel included local residents Ron Reid, Dave Ward, Mark Tomlinson and Peter Schlieffenbaum of the Haliburton Forest.

All provided their own opinions of the systems they had installed in their homes or place of business while detailing their initial costs incurred and their savings over time.

Christie said the feedback she received from those who attended the symposium was positive in nature.

"One couple that emailed me said that this helped them to realize that they are taking that step to getting closer towards building an energy efficient home in Haliburton." ■

For week of November 10

Horoscopes It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: You have an ingratiating way of helping people deal with their fears. Have you considered a career in social work or with the clergy?

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
Decisions involving your finances might seem to be foolproof. But they could have underlying risks you should know about. Don't act on anything until all the facts are in.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Feeling alone in a crowd during the early part of the week is an unsettling emotion. But your spirits soon perk up, putting you into the right mood to start making holiday plans.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
You're attracted to a situation that appeals to your Bovine intellect. And that's good. But don't neglect your passionate side when romance comes calling later in the week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
A pesky problem should be dealt with immediately so you can put your time and effort into something more important. Someone from your past could have significant news for you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A recent development enhances that special relationship. Spending more time together also helps make the bonding process stronger. Expect news about a possible career change.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
High-energy aspects dominate, both on the job and at home. Use this time to put some long-range plans into operation. Things level off later in the week.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
A suspicious situation should be dealt with before it leads to serious problems. Get all the facts needed to resolve it. Then refocus your energies on those tasks that need your attention.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Even the usually gregarious Goat might feel overwhelmed by a flurry of activities. Be patient. Things soon return to your normal social routine.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Try to be more open-minded in working toward a resolution of that standoff between yourself and a colleague or family member. A little flexibility now could work to your advantage later.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Career choices that seem too confusing to deal with at this point probably are. More information would help uncomplicate them. On the personal side, a friend might need your advice.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
You might feel a bit threatened by a proposed workplace change. The best way to deal with it is to ask questions. You'll find that those involved will be happy to provide you with the facts.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Your Piscean imagination is stimulated by possibilities you see in a new opportunity. But keep those ideas to yourself until you feel ready to translate them into a workable format.

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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

HUSBAND'S ANCIENT INDISCRETION CAUSES WIFE PRESENT-DAY PAIN

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married eight years. Six months before we met, he had a one-night stand with his brother's girlfriend — now his brother's wife. His brother was present and involved, if you know what I mean. I am no saint by any means, but this is information I wish he had never told me because now I can't stand the sight of either of them. My husband has never cheated on me or asked me to have a threesome or anything like that. He worships the ground I walk on and is the perfect mate, very sensitive about my feelings. He has told me he wishes it had never happened, and he feels ashamed. We live in a small town. I see his brother and his wife all the time and, of course, at all the family gatherings. I have to get over this somehow. I know it's in the past and it was before me, but I get so upset every time I see either one of them that I just want to go off. Please help me. — **NOT OVER IT IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR NOT OVER IT: No one can blame you for finding these people repulsive, and what happened so long ago was no one's brightest moment — including your husband's. However, because you must have regular contact with them, I do have a suggestion for you. Forgive them. If you do, it will cause less wear and tear on your soul than what you have been putting yourself through.

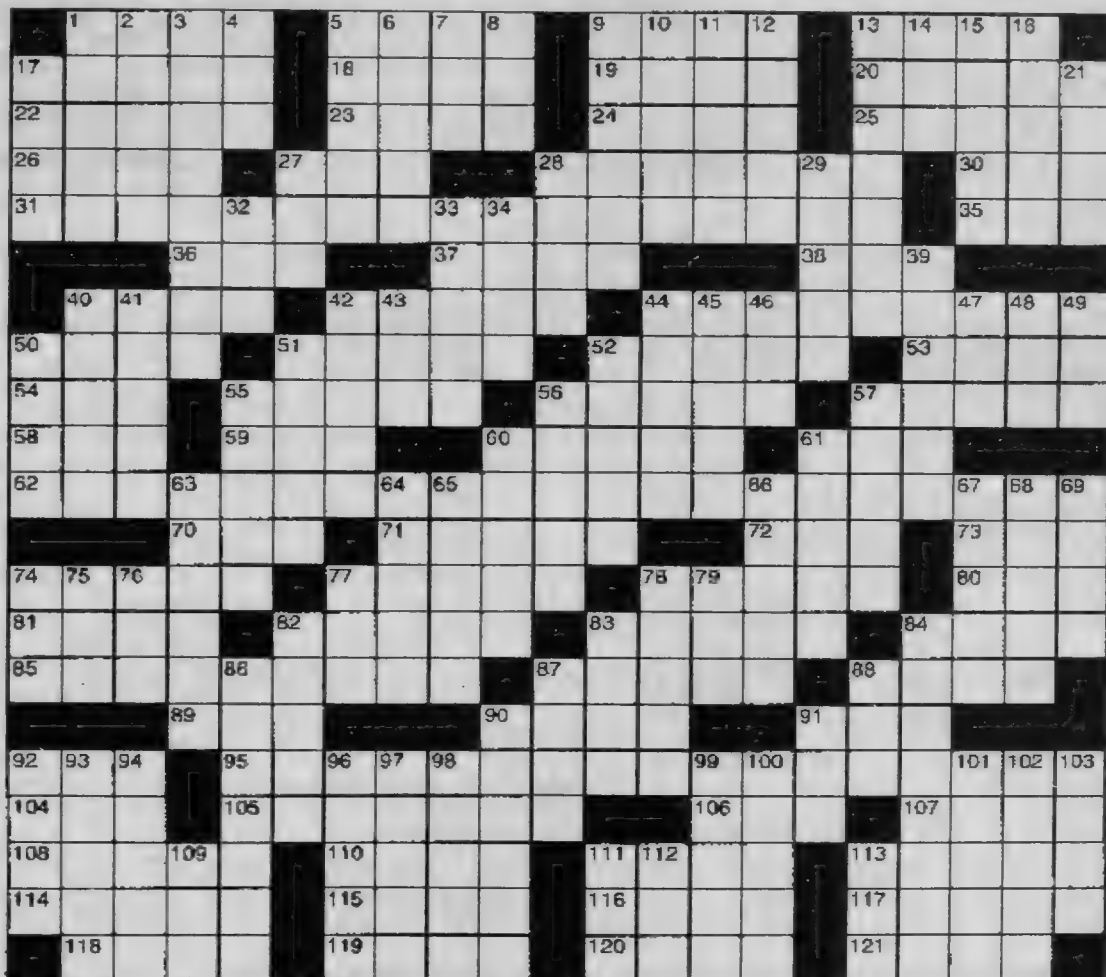
DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with jealousy. I lash out at my boyfriend over minor things, like not coming home within an hour or so of when he says he will, not giving me the passwords to his e-mail accounts, etc. Is this a real problem I should get help for? He hasn't given me any reason to think he would be unfaithful. I just have these uncontrollable urges. It's tearing apart our relationship, and I don't know how to overcome these feelings. Any help would be so appreciated. — **GREEN-EYED MONSTER IN TEXAS**

DEAR GREEN-EYED: Your problem isn't jealousy, it is insecurity, and if it's destroying your relationship, then you must figure out the reason for it. If you really need to check your boyfriend's e-mail and have him account for every moment he is away from you, something is wrong with the romance and its days are numbered. Because he has given you no reason to think he has been unfaithful, you are right to start looking in the mirror for the source of the problem. Some sessions with a psychologist will help you get to the bottom of it. Do it now.

Super Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 TV host John
 - 5 Full of oneself
 - 9 Amontillado container
 - 13 Beseeched
 - 17 Nile feature
 - 18 In good health
 - 19 "— Without Love" (68 hit)
 - 20 Sanctuary
 - 22 Hood's handle
 - 23 Admiral Zumwalt
 - 24 Tiny part of a second
 - 25 Wagner work
 - 26 Annealing oven
 - 27 Flagon filler
 - 28 Newspaper
 - 30 Take-home
 - 31 Start of a remark
 - 35 Ring stat
 - 36 Thwack
 - 37 Compact cotton
 - 38 "Great Expectations" character
 - 40 Cad
 - 42 Mythical being
 - 44 Hateful
 - 50 Give a little
 - 51 Green
 - 52 Yesterday's thresher
 - 53 Lillian or Dorothy
 - 54 Ivy Leaguer
 - 55 Fancy dessert
 - 56 First dog in space
 - 57 Where cats congregate
 - 58 Pie — mode
 - 59 Lofty peak
 - 60 Distribute the donuts
 - 61 Keats composition
 - 62 Middle of remark
 - 70 Born
 - 71 '87 Peace Prize winner
 - 72 Solidify
 - 73 "— Shook Up" (57 smash)
 - 74 Corny goddess?
 - 77 Colossal commotion
 - 78 Malicious to the max
 - 80 Where rams romp
 - 81 Bus starter?
 - 82 Thirteen, to a baker
 - 83 Soprano Fleming
 - 84 — impasse
 - 85 Dachshund or donkey
 - 87 Pianist Jorge
 - 88 "— Old Cow Hand" (36 song)
 - 89 Objective
 - 90 Counter change
 - 91 Botanist Gray
 - 92 Age
 - 95 End of remark
 - 104 Road to enlightenment
 - 105 Generally
 - 106 — choy
 - 107 Rocker Billy
 - 108 Tracking tool
 - 110 Manuscript enc.
 - 111 "Surely you —"
 - 113 Lowliest cadet
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 - 117 Beast of Borden
 - 118 Long lunch?
 - 119 For fear that
 - 120 Non-stereo
 - 121 Little ones
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Word form for "and"
 - 2 Nobel
 - 3 Stiffened a shirt
 - 4 Contains
 - 5 Expand
 - 6 Free-for-all
 - 7 City on the Danube
 - 8 Day —
 - 9 Finger food
 - 10 Stun
 - 11 Less loopy
 - 12 TV's "— Landing"
 - 13 Symbol of immortality
 - 14 Drink like a Doberman
 - 15 Happening
 - 16 Writer Walcott
 - 17 Tyne of "Gagney & Lacey"
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 - 28 Audacity
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 - 32 Sneeze and wheeze
 - 33 Superior to
 - 34 Chip's chum
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 - 40 "Greetings!"
 - 41 Early computer
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 - 48 Manipulate
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 - 50 Drum din
 - 51 Nick of "Q&A"
 - 52 Gels on
 - 55 Perkins role
 - 56 "Frederica" composer
 - 57 Mature
 - 60 Descendant
 - 61 Ready to reduce
 - 63 Silverware city
 - 64 Infirmary item
 - 65 Went wrong
 - 66 Snowy bird
 - 67 "Big Three" site
 - 68 New York city
 - 69 — Bator
 - 74 — au vin
 - 75 Aussie walker
 - 76 Cell stuff
 - 77 Dandy
 - 78 Hailing from
 - 79 In accord
 - 82 Swash-buckling novelist
 - 83 '48 Hitchcock film
 - 84 Texas town
 - 86 "I Love Lucy" surname
 - 87 Tour-de-France vehicle
 - 88 Adjectival suffix
 - 90 Aptitude
 - 91 Say please
 - 92 Pound of poetry
 - 93 Extend
 - 94 Wrestling giant
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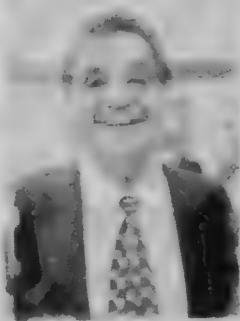
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Announcements

Death Notices



George Gruber (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



At Haliburton Hospital on Thursday morning, October 30, 2008 in his 77th year. Beloved husband of Trudy Braun. Loving father of Silvia (Mrs. Jurgen Sturm) of Scarborough and Robert and his wife Tanja of Germany. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Marco, Selina and Kevin and his great grandson Tyler. Also lovingly remembered by his extended family in Germany.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends may call at the **KINGDOM HALL OF JEHOVAH WITNESSES** 1017 Wigamog Road Haliburton, Ontario on Saturday November 15, 2008 at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Haliburton Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses would be appreciated by the family.

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OSBORNE, Brian-Douglas "Otis" – of Port Dover, on Friday, October 31, 2008, suddenly, at his residence in his 49th year. Cherished son of Louis and Joyce of Simcoe. Dearly loved brother of Lorne and his wife Hong Zeng of Woodstock. Proud uncle of Ashley-Marie, Aaron, Ian and Emily-Marie. Will be sadly missed by his aunts and uncles, Gwen and Jack Gold of New Mexico, Shirley and Andy Gunn of Simcoe, Ron and Delores Osborne of Kincardin, William and Jessie Osborne of St. George, Mildred Sparling of B.C. and Marguarite and Alvin Seymour of B.C. Brian had a broad variety of interests and work experiences, he graduated from George Brown College with a Hotel Management Diploma, then worked for the Harbour Castle Hotel in Toronto, he worked on the lake freighters as an oiler, and worked for the labourers union. He loved music and was an avid motorcyclist. Brian was a keen outdoor enthusiast, he loved fishing and spent many hours on the lake on his boat the "Golden Nymph". He was an accomplished poet, he published his own book of poetry and had his work published in the National Anthology of Verse. Brian had a wide circle of friends and enjoyed spending time with all of them. His family and friends will deeply miss him, but will treasure the great memories they hold of their years together. Friends are invited to meet with the family to share their memories on Monday, November 3, 2008, 2 - 4 p.m. and 7 - 9 p.m. at THOMPSON WATERS FUNERAL HOME LTD., 102 First Ave., Port Dover, 519-583-1530. A Service to Celebrate Brian's life will be held Tuesday, November 4, 2008, at 1 p.m. at Grace United Church, Chapman and St. George Sts., Port Dover. The Reverend Frank Walker officiating. Cremation to follow. For those wishing, donations to the Simcoe and District Humane Society would be greatly appreciated. Online condolences can be e-mailed to waters@nomet.on.ca

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Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk and Human Resources
County of Haliburton Administration Office,
11 Newcastle Street, P.O. Box 399,
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
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Business Volunteer Needed

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has recently embarked on a program and accommodation review of Cardiff Elementary School and Wilberforce Elementary School due to declining enrolment.

As part of the review process a trustee-appointed Program and Accommodation Review Committee (PARC) would like to include a local member of the business community.

If you are a member of the local business community, feel you could maintain an impartial perspective throughout the review, and are interested in joining the Cardiff and Wilberforce Elementary Schools PARC please submit a letter of interest to:

Kathy Verduyn, Director of Education
Trillium Lakelands District School Board
P.O. Box 420, 300 County Road # 36
Lindsay, Ontario K9V 4S4
or by fax to 705-324-4323

Application deadline: November 21, 2008

Please note: The Program and Accommodation Review process is expected to take longer than one year. Upcoming meetings include the following dates: December 3, 2008, February 11, 2009, April 1, 2009, May 20, 2009, September 30, 2009.

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In Memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY OF DANNY KAY
Grandson passed away November 3rd, 2007

Like a comet blazing in the evening sky,
Gone too soon.
Born to amuse, to inspire, to delight
Here one day, gone one night.
Like a sunset dying.
With the rising of the moon.
Gone. Too soon, gone too soon.

We miss you Danny
God take good care of your
Ever remembered, ever loved,

Gramma, Peter and Shaughen



November 2008 Council Meeting

The November 11th, 2008 Council meeting has been changed as follows:

Date: Monday, NOVEMBER 10, 2008
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Council Chambers
2249 Loop Rd, Wilberforce

Irene S. Cook, CMO
Clerk/CEMC
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Love Letters Offers Love, Hope and Understanding Benefit For Affordable Housing Plays to SRO House at Dominion

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Love Letters is dance. Intentionally prosaic, but delightfully attired with the trapeze and trudge of two lives. A two-step spanning forty years. Two personalities revealed over the extant yet unheard scratch of fountain pen on page.

Love Letters ultimately, traces the life passage of Andy and Melissa, children of privilege, who step through the play, introducing themselves to the audience gradually through a succession of letters, the dance revolving and finally devolving to poignant denouement, and a pas de deux for one.

Love Letters is a lovely piece of theater, penned by A.R. Gurney and nominated for the Pulitzer Prize Award for Drama in 1990. It is a seminal offering, a play within a play, built around the two actors – Andy and Melissa, – who sit together at a table reading a succession of letters that span four decades. They are letters that take the audience on a whirlwind buffet, from early childhood days, through forays at prestigious boarding schools, to their university years and finally into middle age.

Kathryn Boyd and Tim Nicholson compellingly brought the play to life at The Old Dominion last Friday in a benefit performance aimed at raising funds for a 'Places for People' initiative. Ann MacDonald is on the board of directors of Haliburton County's Places for People group, and she was understandably pleased with the result of the coalition's first full-fledged foray into fund-raising.

"We had 50 people for the dinner portion of the night and another 14 people came out for the play and we raised just over \$1500," said MacDonald. Places for People's mandate is "to increase the availability of rental stock in Haliburton County by using community input to transform run down properties into good quality rental units." As part of that mandate they are also looking at the possibility of opening a made-in Haliburton version of Habitat for Humanities Re-Store, which accepts and sells used structural materials as an ongoing source of fund-raising.

Canadian Tire Store, which appropriated property and houses on their intended Minden development site on Water Street has already donated one of the appropriated houses to Places for People.

MacDonald said that Places for People is currently looking to move the house to an apposite property within the Town of Minden. The house, which will be refurbished to include two rental units should be located in an area that is "within walking distance of schools, shopping and medical facilities," said MacDonald.



Places for People was formed a year ago and received their not-for-profit charitable status in August of this year. MacDonald said that she owed a huge debt of gratitude to the Dominion Hotel who partnered with Places for People for this novel fundraiser. "Shawn (Chamberlain) was asked about the possibility of using the Dominion for a dinner theater fund-raising venue and he said yes without a moment's hesitation," said MacDonald. "We'd like to thank Shawn and all of his serving staff for contributing to the success of the evening." She added that both Boyd and Nicholson also donated an extraordinary amount of their time in the preparation and the performance of Love Letters.

Boyd and Nicholson both delivered stellar performances as the protagonists, Melissa and Andy, delivering their lines with a remarkable blend of compassion, irreverence and humor. The play debuted in 1988 with its first couple Joanna Gleason and John Rubenstein. Love Letters hit Broadway in 1989 and nailed down the Pulitzer nomination in the following year. It is an influential

play and because of its unique presentation it has seen a succession of Broadway, television and big screen actors gravitate to its compelling script. Love Letters couples include Colleen Dewhurst and Jason Robards, Kathleen Turner and John Rubenstein, Nancy Marchand and Fritz Weber, Barbara Eden and Hal Linden, Shirley Jones and Marty Engels, Martha Henry and Rod Beattie.

Places for People is not the first group to use the play as a vehicle for the advancement of a cause. On December 1, 2007, Elizabeth Taylor and James Earl Jones gave a benefit performance of the play, to raise \$1 million for Taylor's AIDS foundation. The nuance, the texture, its prominence on the landscape and the fact that it can be staged in a quiet, intimate venue, like the Dominion Hotel, makes it a perfect fund-raising vehicle.

Gurney's genius lies in his ability to convey more between the lines than in the words propped upon the written script. Part of the play's charm lies in Gurney's seminal stage instructions. "This is a play, or rather a sort of a play, which needs no theater, no lengthy rehearsal, no special set, no memorization of lines and no commitment from its two actors beyond the night of the performance. It is designed simply to be read aloud by an actor and an actress of roughly the same age, sitting side by side at a table," explains Gurney.

The most poignant element of Gurney's piece is the story between the lines; the words Andy and especially Melissa cannot bring themselves to write. Melissa hates writing letters, while Andy finds solace and soul in his pen. Anger or reticence is expressed then, not in the exchange between the two actors, but is engendered by one actor's failure to respond. The pregnant pause is the letter unanswered, a magnificent use of silence as hammered mnemonic. In a play where there is no face to face confrontation, the play traces anger or reticence through one actor's staunch refusal to return a favor, or in this case a letter. Silence, not rant, is the weapon in this play. Gurney uses those empty spaces to fill the dusty cracks in Melissa's fragile psyche, her depression, her pill popping, and her undiagnosed alcoholism.

Not until the final act do Andy and Melissa, and by extrapolation, the audience, come to realize that the frivolous correspondence, filtered on the broad ribbon of separate lives and countless years, are actually love letters.

The play, despite Gurney's less than precious and somewhat capricious stage direction penned in his introduction above, requires the immersion of the two actors.

This is after all a play that hinges upon the genius of its author and the traction of the words, but it's a play that ultimately relies solely upon the inauguration and believability of the two protagonists. The words bulwark the sentiments but the actors carry the crowd.

Make no mistake then. Love Letters is a beautiful piece of literature, but it's a play that ultimately rides and slides on the talents of two people, sitting stark in bas relief on two sides of a table.

Lucky then, that Places for People were able to call on Tim Nicholson and Kathryn Boyd for an evening.

Their performance was stirringly instinctive, intuitive and inspired.

For more information about Places for People please feel free to visit www.placesforpeople.ca.

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From watches to earrings, pendants and necklaces, a little bit of everything that is glamorous was up for sale during the Minden Health Care Auxiliary's first-ever Social Tea and Jewellery Show fund-raiser held at the Lions Club Hall in Minden recently. About 60 people made their way to the show that featured a line of shimmering, elegant and affordable pieces from the Fifth Avenue Jewellery Collection. Ann Marie Longo, a representative for the jewellery company from Markham, was at the event to talk about the history of the company and describe some of the pieces while getting people to model the personal ornaments.

Door prizes were also given away throughout the afternoon.

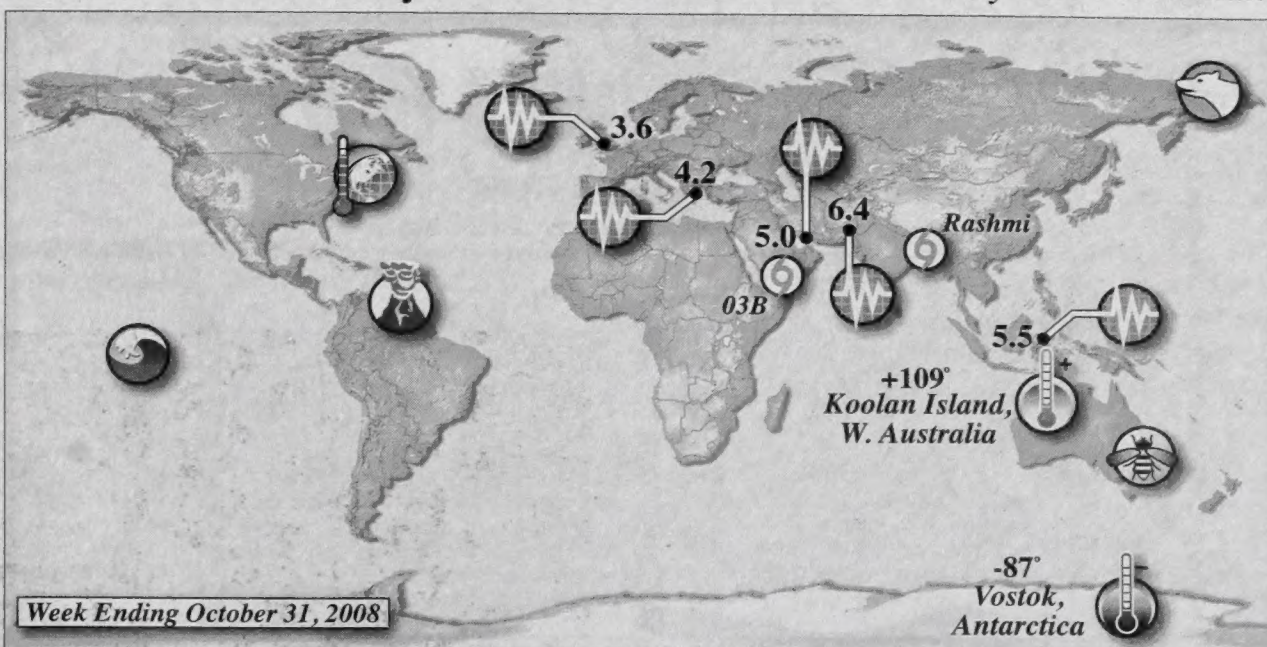
Chris Wilde, Vice President of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary, said that the goal was to raise about \$1,500 by way of ticket sales to the event and from a portion of jewellery sales. These proceeds will stay in the community by benefitting the Minden Hospital, various Auxiliary projects and long-term care facilities.

Susan Ungar, President of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary, would like to thank those who helped make the show possible including: Chris Wilde, the Auxiliary members who provided the delicious homemade goods and the Minden Lions Club for providing the venue for the event. ■



Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Greenhouse Surge

Methane, a potent greenhouse gas linked to global warming, has begun to increase again after nearly a decade in which its atmospheric concentration was relatively stable. The sudden jump was detected almost simultaneously at all measurement stations around the world. Researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) say that before methane began increasing, it appeared that manmade and natural sources of the gas were in balance with the atmosphere's ability to neutralize it with a compound known as hydroxyl free radical (OH). The team says the recent rise observed in the Northern Hemisphere may be due to very warm conditions in Siberia during 2007, which increased bacterial emissions from tundra and wetlands. The MIT researchers say they were unable to determine what caused the increase south of the equator. The amount of methane in the atmosphere has more than doubled since before the Industrial Revolution, accounting for about one-fifth of the human contribution to greenhouse gas-driven global warming.

Polar Bear Threat

Melting ice and increased poaching are causing polar bears to die out in the remote Siberian region of Chukotka, according to an expert with the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IWWF). The shrinking Arctic ice sheet is forcing more bears to live on land over the summer, where they have more encounters with humans as they scavenge for new food sources. IWWF also warns that about 100 polar bears are being killed in Russia each year, despite their protected status, to meet the demand for increasingly popular polar bear furs.

Higher Tide

A new U.N. report warns that few of the world's coastal cities will be spared by the rising sea level caused by global warming over the next several decades. *State of the World's Cities 2008/9: Harmonious Cities*, published by the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-HABITAT), points out that many metropolitan areas are located along the coast or adjacent to rivers that will be affected by the rising oceans. As cities become swamped by higher tides, UN-HABITAT warns that millions of jobs will be lost as large portions of the population abandon their homes in forced migrations on an unprecedented scale.

Trinidad Mud Eruption

Shocked villagers in southwestern Trinidad were jolted from their homes by rumblings from a new mud volcano, which suddenly emerged in a nearby oil field. Trinidad's *Newsday* reports that mud spewed several feet into the air, sending about 100 residents fleeing their homes. Eyewitnesses in the Santa Flora neighborhood say they later discovered a flat piece of grassy land on which they had walked and played the day before had been transformed into two craters spewing mud and gas.

Tropical Cyclones

Moderate Tropical Storm Rashmi roared into Bangladesh from the Bay of Bengal, killing at least 15 people and injuring 200 others. The storm inundated hundreds of villages.

• A rare Gulf of Aden tropical cyclone brought devastating flooding to the desert nation of Yemen on Oct. 23, killing at least 100 people and displacing 20,000 others in the south of the country.

Earthquakes

A massive earthquake centered in western Pakistan killed at least 170 people when it destroyed mud huts and other buildings before dawn on Oct. 29. Wrecked buildings left an estimated 15,000 people homeless at the onset of winter in Baluchistan, a remote province on the border with Afghanistan.

• The strongest of four sharp earthquakes that struck southern Iran's Hormozgan province within a 24-hour period injured eight people and damaged several buildings.

• Earth movements were also felt in Indonesia's Sulawesi Island, central Greece and the English Midlands.

A Bee in Math

Australian and Swedish researchers say they have discovered that bees have the ability to count, but only up to the number four. The Australian Broadcasting Corp. reports Professor Mandyam Srinivasan of Queensland University and colleague Marie Dacke trained the honeybees to count by placing sugar water just past a number of regularly spaced yellow stripes inside a narrow tunnel. The bees quickly learned to which marker they needed to fly in order to find the food. "After training, the bees were individually tested by removing the food reward, and observing their searching behavior in the tunnel to determine which landmark they had associated most strongly with the reward during the training," Srinivasan said. The researchers say they are puzzled as to why the bees can't seem to grasp the concept beyond the fourth marker.

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Have Your Say... VOX POP

"Did you watch the U.S. election results on Wednesday? What are your thoughts of Barack Obama's win? Do you feel that this will bring change to the U.S.?"



Mary Ellen Sheridan, Ingoldsby – "Yes, we stayed up to watch it. We didn't watch the speeches but we knew he'd won. I think change will happen but it might be a slow change. Overall it'll make for a better country. I'm not surprised he won, I think he's the man for the job."



Les Schell, Haliburton – "I like the way it turned out. The right guy won. McCain was a little bit old and shaky. I think it'll mellow out a bit in the U.S. now, especially in the Southern States."



Paula Megraph, Haliburton – "I watched a little bit of it. Hopefully there'll be a difference from what we've seen for the past eight years. I think it's promising."



David Frewing, Redstone Lake – "No, I didn't watch it because I've just been working. I just heard this morning that Obama got it. It's about time that they have their first black president. The way society is now; there are still a lot of people who have their nose out of joint with the racial stuff. Obama is walking into a nightmare, especially with the economy."



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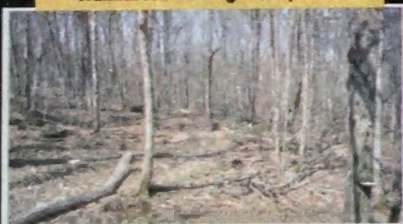
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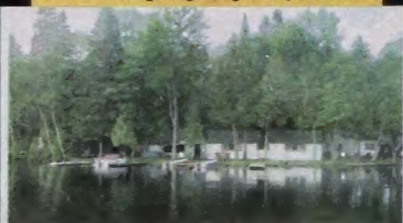
Haliburton Acreage \$64,900



50 acres of hardwood bush & partially cleared old farm with many building locations. 2 access points on yr rnd mun. rd. 2 kms from Haliburton Village.

Andrew Hodgson 286-2138

Kashagawigamog \$550,000



Resort or Family Compound located on Haliburton's most popular 5 lake chain. Sunset views, 5 cabins plus residence, level lot, easy year round access

Anne Moulton 286-2138

Looking for a larger home? \$250,000



This may be for you! Close to Town, 3.5 acre lot with pond. 3 Lge BR with MF master, 2 baths, & rec. room in bsmt. Formal dining rm + breakfast area.

Dagmar Boettcher - 286-2138

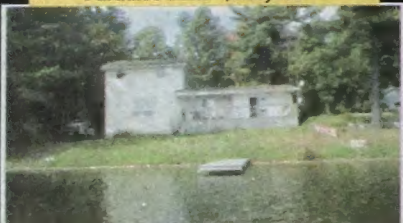
Perfect Starter Home - \$89,900



Perfect starter home, retirement home or investment opportunity Great location in Gooderham, large yard & vegetable garden area. Many recent upgrades completed.

Drew Bishop - 457-2128

Paradise Lake \$309,000



3 bedroom, 2 bath home, perfect for families or retirement, level lot, south exp. produces great rental income for investment purposes

Greg Stamp 457-2128

Chalet +5 Acres \$239,000



Privacy plus 3 bedrooms with separate living quarters. Enjoy the hot tub and pool. Clear lake and the town of Minden are close by.

Janice Brookes 457-2128

Kashagawigamog \$360,000



Charming 4 BR older cottage. Big lake view. Great shoreline, west exp. Stone fireplace. Wet slip boathouse, bunkie. Next door cottage for sale.

John Hincks 286-2138

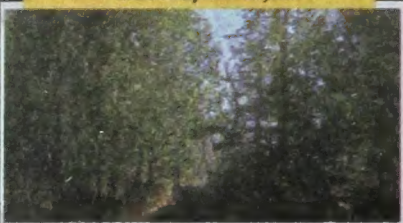
Beautiful Kennisis Lake \$499,500



Stunning views from Great Room, Master BR & TV rm of this beautiful 4-season cottage/home. Island breakfast bar, Workshop in basement, insulated Bunkie.

Shirley Rule and Kerrie Farr 754-2100

Blairhampton 25,900



Blairhampton Rd. two building lots 1.10 acre and 1.18 acre centrally located between Minden and Haliburton. Price is per lot.

Kristin Withey 286-2138



Green Lake \$239,900



Beautiful south facing lot with sand beach and great low maintenance 4 yr old home with full partially finished basement.

Lee Gauthier 489-9968

Wonderful Privacy \$309,900



Great 3 BR cottage with pine floors throughout, cathedral ceiling, woodstove on a beautiful well treed private property. West exp. on a quiet no motor lake.

Mark Dennys 457-2128

Privacy & Tranquility 339,900



3 BR on level lot. 275 feet frontage on quiet lake limited to electric motors. Sand beach. Cathedral ceiling, hardwood floors, walkout deck. Pine "Haliburton" room.

John Hincks 286-2138

Minden Lake \$364,900



3 BR home/cottage with 167' of waterfront on picturesque Minden Lake. Quiet neighbourhood, great swimming, fishing & near White Water Reserve.

Paul Szpik - 457-2128

Natural Wonder \$279,900



Super 3 BR cottage on Trooper Lake. Very private, nice sand shoreline & deep water off dock. New winter water system. Yr rnd pvt rd.

Susanne James & Andy Mosher 457-2128

Getting Started \$84,900



2 BR with large 760 ft shop/studio. Close to public access to Hall Lake. New furnace, roof & comes with all appliances! Great rental potential!

Tom Ecclestone 286-2138

Kashagawigamog Access \$219,900



Cute 2 BR home + 3 BR guest bunkie with dock on Lk Kashagawigamog, just mins from Haliburton on quiet crescent off Cty Rd 21.

Tom Wilkinson 286-2138

Kennisis View & Sunsets \$499,000



5 BR multi-unit property. Enjoy the lake view & sunsets. Pine throughout, skylights, 2 baths & heated garage/workshop.

Mark Dennys 457-2128

Private Eagle Lk Lot \$134,500



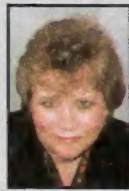
More than 3.5 acres, 414 ft of road frontage, over 200 ft of great clean shoreline. Boat on the 2 lake chain. Enjoy Sir Sam's in the winter!

Wilf VanLieshout - 457-2128

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